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RECORDS OF

THE TOWN OF LEE

FROM ITS INCORPORATION TO

A. D. 1801

ALL THE EXTANT RECORDS OF THE TOWN CLERKS, TOWN TREASURERS, HOPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FOR THAT PERIOD

Also Inscriptions from the Cemeteries

WITH AN APPENDIX CONTAINING A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE TOWN'S INCORPORATION, STATE AND COUNTY TAXES, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE TOWN

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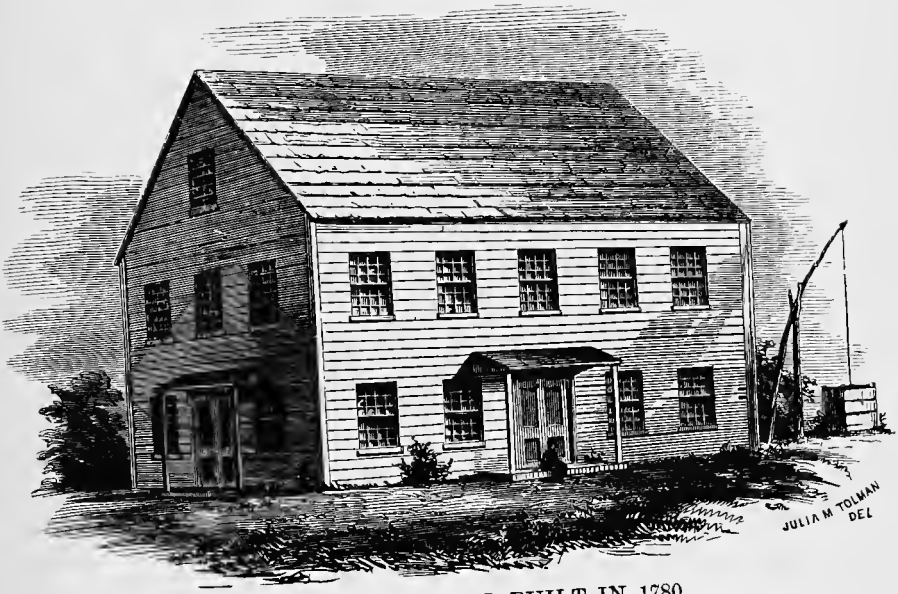

MEETING-HOUSE BUILT IN 1780.

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INTRODUCTORY NOTES.

The purpose of this volume is to present a faithful reproduction of all the early records of the town known to be in existence, to the close of the last century. It includes the records of the town clerks and treasurers; of the Hopland school district, with the unrecorded manuscripts of that organization; those of the Congregational church, and the mortuary records of the cemeteries. They are not all strictly limited to the last century, however. Under "Records of Births," those of each family are given as fully as recorded, many being later than the year 1800. Under "Creature Marks," the transfers are given, several of which were later than that year, and the treasury accounts of the town and Hopland school district extend several months into the year 1801.

In the appendix is a brief history of the town's incorporation; a tabulation of the state and county taxes apportioned on the town, and the marriage records of some residents of Lee found elsewhere.

The fac similes on pp. 319–329, the plate opposite page 10 and that opposite p. 79, are from originals in the department of Archives at the State House.

The volume thus contains for the period covered, all the public records discovered relating to the town's business, educational, and religious history, as well as its vital records.

It was in contemplation also, to include a brief military record of the men who served in the Revolutionary war, from the town, or previous to its organization, from the grants or parts of grants now in its limits, but the design was abandoned, as it was found that scarcely any reliable information of this kind exists except in the state archives, and all such matter in possession of the state is being published in "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War."

Mainly the object in undertaking this work has been to collect and collate the early vital records of the town. These records are often consulted by persons in search of their ancestry, and frequent inquiries are made by persons at a distance regarding births, marriages and deaths among the early residents here. The information sought for, if in the records, is not always readily found, and is sometimes overlooked unless many pages are carefully scrutinized.

Unfortunately the vital records of that period are not complete, the clerks preceding Daniel Wilcox, whose service commenced in 1793, having neglected to enter a considerable part of them. Less then a page of birth records were entered before 1791. Most of those in this volume were recorded by Daniel Wilcox, and of course many of them some years after that of birth. The method of arrangement was that followed in this and many other towns until the present uniform system was adopted by the State in 1844. It is believed nearly all the births in town before 1801

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were finally recorded, but it is known some were not. There is also reason to believe the record of marriages is incomplete, and few deaths are noted before Dr. Hyde's records commence.

The town clerks for the period over which the birth records in this volume extend, were as below, with the term of service of each:—

Prince West was chosen at the first town meeting and served to March 18, 1782, but according to the first two publishments recorded (see p. 133), he acted as such before he was chosen Dec. 26, 1777; Thomas Beecher served from March 18, 1782 to April 7, 1783; Nathan Dillingham from April 7, 1783 to March 4, to 1793, and also from March 7, 1814 to March 4, 1816; Daniel Wilcox from March 4, 1793 to March 3, 1806; Nathaniel Thayer from March 3, 1806 to March 9, 1807; Cornelius T. Fessenden from March 9, 1807 to March 7, 1814; Ransom Hinman from March 4, 1816 to March 8, 1824.

West's and Beecher's records entire, and Dillingham's before 1791, exist only in copy. The book in which they were first entered was probably improvised, like the first book of Hopland, and the first and second books of church records, by stitching a few sheets of paper together. It was not until nearly thirteen years had passed from the first town meeting, that a more durable book was procured and the entries in the first book transcribed into it. March 7, 1785, the town "Voted to raise six pounds as soon as be conveniently for procuring a Standard of Weights and Measures and a Town Book for Records" Perhaps at that period of onerous taxation just preceding the Shays rebellion, a tax of $20 for the purpose specified could not be conveniently raised; at all events it was not soon raised, for May 11, 1789, the town again voted to raise "six pounds to purchase a standard of Weights & Measures and a Town Book", and Capt. Josiah Yale was appointed to procure them. At the annual meeting March 1, 1790, he was requested to "procure a Standard of Weights & Measures as Cheap as may be and answer the Law" The records thenceforth are silent as to the weights and measures, and it would seem that the book was not procured until some months after the last date, for all the records of that year were entered in the original first book. In the minutes of a meeting, Dec. 20, 1790, is the entry: "Voted to give Mr John Powers, Eighteen Shillings on his transcribing the Whole Contained in this Book into a new Book of Records".

The transcript occupies about 70 pages of the first volume of town records. It is in a fairly legible hand (see plate opposite p. 135), but abounds in rare spelling and construction, and a wealth of capitals. Many words, also, commence with a letter which may be considered either large or small, and as the writer followed no rule, it is uncertain which he intended. In printing this part of the records the aim has been in cases of doubt, to follow the customary usage of educated writers of the period. The literary qualifications of the copyist were evidently slight. As the original is not in evidence, it can not positively be proved

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that the transcript is not a true copy; but comparing the copy of West's records with matter penned by him, and the copy of Dillingham's, with those in his own hand, it is fair to conclude that the copyist not only preserved their grammatical errors, but added many of his own.

For the characteristics of West's writing see the petitions on pp. 323-327. None of Beecher's writing has been found, except his signature (see p. 327); judging from it, and the crudities in the transcript of his records (pp. 22-27), he did not weild a ready pen.

Some of Dillingham's writing is reproduced on the plate opposite p. 135. Major Dillingham was a versatile man, and served the town and community in many capacities. His fame as a wit and a poet has been handed down to this day. He settled here soon after the town's incorporation and at once became prominent in its affairs. For many years he was host of the "Red Lion" and also carried on a successful merchantile business. Besides his records as town clerk and treasurer, two of the Hopland leases printed in this book (pp. 228-233), and the item about the arrangements for observing the day appointed for mourning on account of the death of Gen. Washington, were written by him. There is also in possession of the town a map of that part of Hartwood included in the town's limits, which he delineated. His reports of town meetings seem to have been entered in the book while the business was in progress, and though they show marks of haste, are clearly and well expressed. In the transcribed portion of his records are some jumbles, which, without doubt, he was not responsible for;—as that about the school districts, pp. 30, 31; the regulations of the inoculating committee, p. 34, and that about abatement of taxes, on the upper part of p. 46. He was from Sandwich, and served several short enlistments—about a year in all—in the militia, in the early part of the Revolutionary war.

The copied part of the records are indicated under the various headings, except under "Birth Records." Less than a page of these were transcribed and are:—

Joseph Freeman Austin, p. 144;
Sarah, Abigail and Rebecca Dillingham, p. 153;
Children of Asahel Dodge, except Samuel p. 153;
Percival record to Hannah, p. 165;
Walker record, excepting death of Caleb, p. 170;
Mary, Prudence, and John Brewster West, p. 171;
Christian and Azuba Wood, p. 174.

The dates of most of the above mentioned births, prove that they were originally recorded by Dillingham, and judging from the peculiar form of entry, it is probable the others were recorded by West.

The only death noted is that of Huldah Walker, in the above mentioned Walker record.

A reproduction of some of Wilcox's writing may be seen on the map facing p. 70. His minutes of town meetings, also, appear to have been

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entered in the records during the transaction of the business. His records are not very plain; evidently he drove a rapid, and careless quill. In his manuscript small e and i are generally indistinguishable, and the same character often stands for small a, o and u. Altogether his writing is very peculiar. Numerous words are not fully written out,—the most frequent fault in this respect being the omission of a letter or syllable from the end of words. Some date-errors also appear; as for instance, he records that his brother Oziel was killed at Sheffield, March 27, 1787. Oziel was an adherent of Daniel Shays, and was killed in the skirmish which took place between the insurgents and state forces at Sheffield Feb. 27, 1787. Other errors of date have been noticed, and where considerable are noted. His record of the death of his brother Peter (p. 178), and of his sister Electa (p. 180), are circumstantial to an extent seldom attempted by town clerks.

It is much to be regretted that the town meeting reports during the Revolutionary war and Shays's rebellion periods are not more full and explicit. Meager as they are, however, they show how enormous was the burden laid upon this new and struggling community in furnishing its quota of men and means to carry on the war, and the restiveness under the excessive taxation for several years following it. What the state and county taxes were may be seen by reference to the tabulation in the appendix.

No town meeting warrants were recorded until 1816. It is supposed they and many other town manuscripts;—such as assessors' lists, tax bills, voting lists, etc., prior to 1826, were stored in the town hall in the basement of the Congregational church, and were destroyed in the great fire of 1857. Some of the business transacted in the town meetings cannot be understood without the warrants, and all that which was presented in the numerous articles passed over is lost entirely; and by the loss of the other material much valuable local history has been blotted out.

As above stated Dillingham's and Wilcox's minutes of town meetings, bear evidence of having been permanently recorded while the business was in progress. Probably the preceding clerks did the same, and the haste necessary may account for some of the peculiar abbreviations and frequent omission of letters and words.

When the note on page 61 was printed it had not been noticed that the records of the two elections on page 71 are in Joseph Whiton's writing. The Hopland records, except where noted otherwise, are in his hand, as also several of the leases. Joseph Whiton settled here in or about 1790, and from that time until his death in 1828, was active in the management of the town's business, and was honored with many offices He was a native of Middletown, Conn., and at a very early age, served a short time in an organization of that state in the Revolutionary army. In the militia of Massachusetts, he rose through various grades, until as Maj. General he commanded part of the forces at Boston in 1814. His hastily written records indicate his familiarity with routine clerical work.

The treasurer's accounts, and the warrants and other unrecorded Hop-

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land manuscripts were found after the printing of the volume was begun. The leaves containing these accounts had become separated from the treasurer's book and were supposed to be lost, but were opportunely found, though in a fragmentary condition. The Hopland papers were found with a mass of other documents which had been lost sight of, belonging to that corporation, in the office of the late Harrison Garfield, long treasurer of the district.

There are doubtless some gaps in the continuity of the church records before Dr. Hyde's pastorate, but the names of all members of the church are mentioned therein, which appear for that period in the first published list (supposed date 1818), except David Baker, and Stephen Tobey, received in 1792. Whether all the baptisms are mentioned, cannot be determined.

The records kept by Dr. Hyde contain a list of all baptisms, admissions to the church, marriages solemnized by him, and deaths in town from June 6, 1792 to the time of his death in 1833. His records herein printed are limited to the close of the year 1800.

On the first fly leaf of the first book of Town Records is written, "Records of the Town of Lee". The first matter recorded is the Act of Incorporation. No heading is used, the commencement being, "State of Massachusetts Bay — " On account of numerous errors of orthography in the transcript, the act in this volume has been printed from a copy of the original in the State House. The words "In the House of Representatives Octr 18th" (p. 10), "A true Copy" and "Attest" are obliterated in the document, and are given from the copy in the town book. The dates at the top of the pages on which are printed the minutes of town and Hopland school district meetings are not in the original. The headings also in this volume to the several subject-matters into which the records of the town clerks are divided, except "Town Lines –" (p. 122), are not therein given. The free edges of several of the first pages of the first book of town records are so worn away by long usage that a little of the writing is lost. The same is true of the first page of publishments and marriages. Such obliterations in this volume are indicated by stars. The minutes of the first meeting closely follow the Act of Incorporation, and being on a left hand page, the stars indicating the obliteration are at the left margin. In the minutes of several of the next meetings, however, the manuscript lines sometimes contain more matter than the printed ones, so that the stars must be placed at a distance from the margins.

In printing the records and other matter, great pains have been taken to preserve the exact spelling, abbreviations, and punctuation of the originals, and since the volume has been printed the whole matter has been carefully collated, and all typographical and other errors which have been found, have been corrected or noted in the errata, pp. 373. Most of the departures from the original spelling, are in the pages printed from the manuscript by Powers, where the same words, especially proper names, are

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often spelled differently, — taxing the attention of compositor and proof reader to an unusual degree.

Doubtless more explanatory notes and bracketed words should have been used in printing the town meeting minutes, but the meaning is generally obvious, despite omitted words and faulty construction. Some things, however, cannot be understood or explained. Several notes are here given which have been prepared since the minutes were printed.

P. 14, second line: The word "time" is uncertain; in the manuscript it seems to be "same". The Centennial History of Lee, p. 161, quoting this vote, has "sum", and Amory Gale's pamphlet history of the town, p. 13, has "term". Miss Jones in her History of Stockbridge, p. 180, says: "In March 1779, the town unanimously voted themselves bound by the doings of the Great and General Court."

P. 16, third and fourth lines, minutes of June 15: The fanciful surmise is given in the Centennial History, pp. 58, 147, that the adjournment from Peter Wilcox's house to his barn, indicated "probably an increase of population which made the one room of a log house inconveniently small" That such an event did not then happen in Peter's family is certain from the birth record of his children,— see p. 173.

P. 19, lines eight and nine, minutes of June 10: The word "sum" probably here signifies the quantity of beef. The assessment was "in kind"—6818 lbs. of beef,— see p. 315. The Centennial History states the town voted to raise £6818 to purchase beef. This might have been so, for at that time £6818, Continental money, possibly would have purchased 6818 lbs. of beef.

The difficulty and amount of work involved in producing this volume was greatly underestimated when the first type was set for its pages nearly three years ago. It was then supposed that a few months would suffice for its completion, and that all records pertaining to the town for the period covered, could be gathered into a book of at least a hundred pages less than this. The delays have been many and for various reasons. It is the product of intervals between more necessary or more profitable work. The size is greater than was estimated because diligent search has brought to light considerable more material than was supposed to exist. All the records and other matter the volume contains, have been so arranged, and so fully indexed that it is believed any name, or subject mentioned therein may be readily found.

Lee, Mass., Feb. 15, 1900.

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Charter.

From the Manuscript in the Archives in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY—

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SEVEN——

AN ACT to incorporate the Southwesterly Part of Washington, the Northeasterly part of Great Barrington, or Hoplands so called, the Glass works Grant, and part of William's Grant, in the County of Berkshire, into a Town by the name of LEE—

WHEREAS it has been made to appear to this Court that the Incorporating the Southwesterly Part of Washington, the Northeasterly Part of Great Barrington, or Hoplands, so called, the Glass works Grant, and part of William's Grant into a Town, will greatly contribute to the Benefit of the Inhabitants of the sd. Lands:—

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that the sd. Southwesterly part of Washington, the Northeasterly part of Great Barrington, or Hoplands, so called, the Glass works Grant, and Part of William's Grant, beginning at the Southeast Corner of Stockbridge, thence runing East, seven Degrees South, six hundred and thirty two Rods; Thence running North, thirty seven Degrees East, six hundred and seventeen Rods; thence running East one thousand two hundred and fonr Rods, on Tyringham Line; Thence running North, seven Degrees East, three hundred and seventy nine Rods; thence running North, thirty Degrees west, five hundred and forty Rods; thence running South thirty Degrees west, two hundred Rods; thence running North, thirty Degrees

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west, twelve hundred and thirty six Rods, to Lenox Line; thence running South, seven Degrees East, eight hundred, and eight Rods; thence running west, seven Degrees North, Six hundred and eighty six Rods to Stockbridge Line; thence running South. seven Degrees West, on Stockbridge Line, One thousand, four hundred and fifty Rods to the first mentioned Bounds; containing in the whole fourteen thousand, two hundred and thirty seven Acres, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a Town by the name of LEE—. And that the Inhabitants be, and hereby are invested with all the Powers, Privileges, and Immunities which the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do enjoy.

And be it further Enacted that Charles Goodrich, Esq. be, and he hereby is impowered and directed to issue his Warrant directed to some Principal Inhabitant within the said Town, requiring him to warn the Inhabitants of the said Town, having a Freehold therein to the Value of forty Shillings per Annum, or other Estate to the Value of Forty Pounds, to meet at such Time and Place in the said Town as shall be therein directed, to choose all such Officers as are required by Law to manage the Affairs of the said Town; And the Officers that may be chosen in Consequence thereof, shall have. hold and exercise the Powers to their respective Offices belonging, untill the Time that shall be appointed for the said Town's annual Meeting in March next.

And be it further Enacted, that the Inhabitants of the said Lands be, and they hereby are held and enjoined to pay a Proportionable Part of the State & County Taxes of each of the Towns to which they have hitherto been annexed, belonged, or by which they have been taxed, till A a new Valuation shall be made throughout this State, by B Order of this Court.—

In Council Octr 17th 1777.

This Bill having had two several readings passed to be engrossed———

Sent down for Concurrence.

Jno Avery Dpy Secy.

In the House of Representatives Octr 18th 1777.

This Bill having been Read in the House three several times passed a Concurrence to be engrossed with the following amendment viz: dele from A to B and insert "the further"

Sent up for Concurrence.

J Warren Spkr

In Council Octr 18th 1777 .

Read and Concurred

A true Copy

Attest Jno Avery Dpy Secy.

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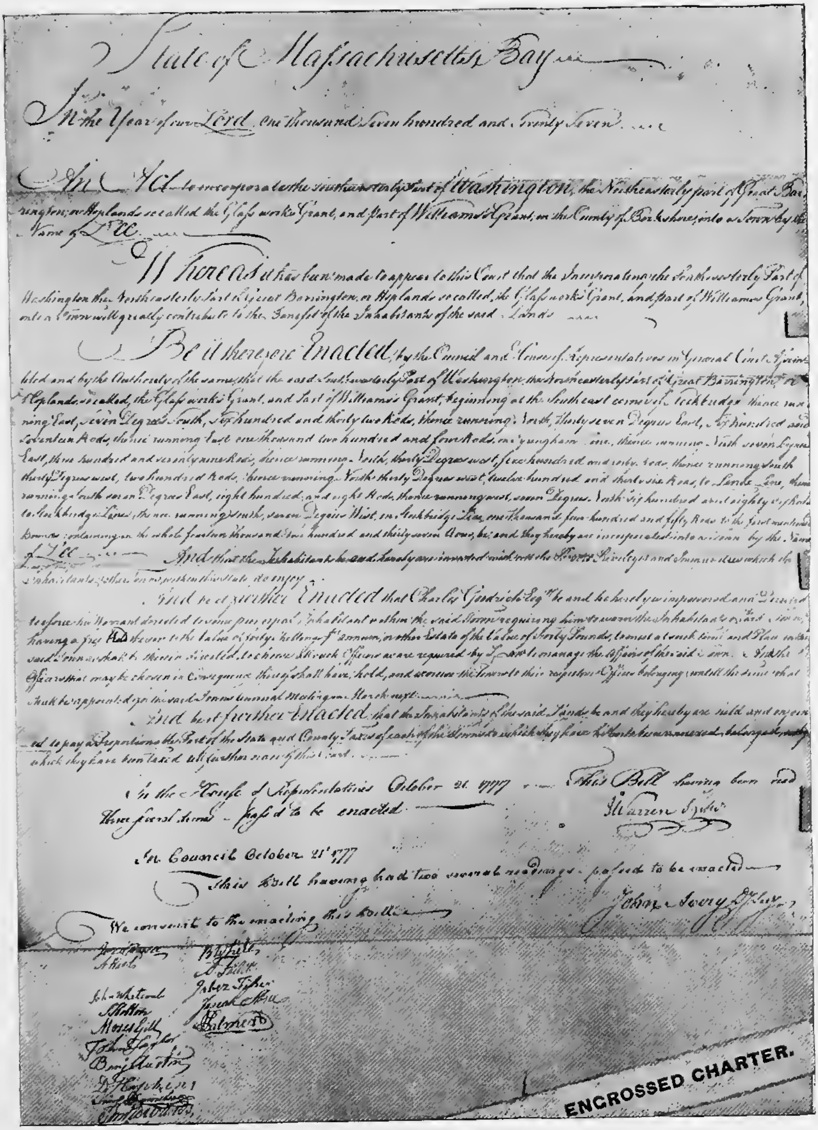

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy seven

An Act to incorporate the Southwesterly Part of Washington, the Northeasterly part of Great Barrington, or Hoplands so called the Glass works Grant, and part of Williams's Grant, in the County of Berkshire, into a Town by the Name of Lee

Whereas it has been made to appear to this Court that the Incorporating the Southwesterly Part of Washington the Northeasterly Part of Great Barrington, or Hoplands so called, the Glass works Grant, and part of Williams's Grant, into a Town will greatly contribute to the Benefit of the Inhabitants of the said Lands

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the same, that the said Southwesterly Part of Washington, the Northeasterly part of Great Barrington, or Hoplands so called, the Glass works Grant, and Part of Williams's Grant, beginning at the Southeast corner of Stockbridge thence running East, seven Degrees South, six hundred and thirty two Rods, thence running North, thirty seven Degrees East, six hundred and seventeen Rods, thence running East one thousand two hundred and four Rods on [illegible] Line, thence running North seven Degrees East, three hundred and seventy nine Rods, thence running South, thirty Degrees west, five hundred and [illegible] Rods, thence running South thirty Degrees west, two hundred Rods, thence running North thirty Degrees west, twelve hundred and thirty six Rods, to [illegible] Line, thence running South seven Degrees East, eight hundred and eight Rods, thence running west, seven Degrees North six hundred and eighty [illegible] to Stockbridge Line, thence running South, seven Degrees West, in Stockbridge Line, one thousand four hundred and fifty Rods to the first mentioned Bounds; containing in the whole fourteen thousand two hundred and thirty seven Acres, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a Town by the Name of Lee. And that the Inhabitants be and hereby are invested with all the Powers Privileges and Immunities which the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do enjoy.

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And be it further Enacted that the Inhabitants of the said Lands be and they hereby are held and enjoined to pay a Proportionable Part of the State and County Taxes of each of the Districts to which they have hitherto been annexed, belonged, in which they have been taxed till further order of this Court.

In the House of Representatives October 21. 1777 — This Bill having been read three several times — pass'd to be enacted

J Warren Spkr

In Council October 21st 1777

This Bill having had two several readings — passed to be enacted

John Avery Dy Secy

We consent to the enacting this bill

[illegible]
A Ward
B White
[illegible]
John Whetcomb
Jabez Fisher
J Holten
Josiah Stone
Moses Gill
[illegible]
John Taylor
Benj Austin
D Hopkins
[illegible]
[illegible]

ENCROSSED CHARTER.

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Records of Town Meetings.

1777-1778.

By a Warrant I served Out By Charles Goodrich a Esqr of Pittsfield By Order of the genaril Court Bearing Date November 17 AD 1777 to Call a town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Lee agreeable to said Warrant the Town Meet on Wednesday the 26 Day of December Currant at the house of Peter Willcock in said Town the Warrant Lys in file Opened the Meetting

1 Chose Mr William Ingersoll Modorator for sd Meeting

2 Chose Mr William Ingersoll and Capt Jesse Bradley Oliver West Amos Porter and Prince West for Select Men for the year Insuing } and swore =them

3ly Chose Prince West for Town Clark } And swore him

4 Chose Mr William [Ingersoll] for Town Treashurey

5 Chose Ruben Pixley and James Penoyer for Constables for the said Town } and Swore them

* Chose Daniel Church and Jobe hamblin John Nye and William Ingersoll for Surveyors of high ways

* ***** Abijah Tombirlain and Samuel Standley for Tytheing men *** swore them

* ***** Mr William Ingersoll and Capt Jesse Bradley and Mr Oliver ***t as a Committy of Corresponds — —— ——

* **ose Samuel Standley for Leather Sealor And swore him.

this Meeting Desolved

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee Met and held at ***** Willcocks house in sd Lee on thursday the 8 Day of January 1778 Agre***** to a Warrant on file ———

1 Chose Capt Jesse Bradley Modrator for sd Meeting — —

2 the Minds of the Town Ware tried to see if the[y] Would Chose a County Regist**
the[y] Voted the[y] Would Not Choose any

3ly Voted to Rais the sum of thirty Pounds Lawful Money to be Laid out in preaching the Gospil — —— ——

4 Voted to chose three Men for a Commity to Imploy a Preacher and to pay him the above Money that is Voted Namely Capt Jesse Bradley Oliver West Job hamblin ——— this Meeting is Desolved

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At annual Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee begunned And held At Ensn Peter Willcocks house in sd Town on Monday the 30 Day of March A. D: 1778

1 Chose Oliver West Modrator for sd meeting

2 Chose Prince West Town Clark for the year Ensuing Swore him

3ly Voted to Chose 3 Selectmen Namly Arther Perry Samuel Standley Amos Porter

4ly for Town Treasurer Chose Oliver West

5 for a Committee of Correspond Chose Abijah Tomberlin and Rubin Pixley and Theophilus Mansfield

6ly Chose for Constables for the year Ensuing Chose Elijah West and Isaac Davis Juner and
7 for Tytheing Men the year insuing Thomas Northrop and Elisha freman and William Ingersoll } Swore them

8 for Surveyors of high ways Chosen Epriham holester and Seth Beckus And Andraw West and Daniel Church and Theophilus Mansfield And John Nye and Rubin Pixley and Wait Hatch

9ly for Sealors of Waits and Measures James Penoyer

10 for Leather Sealor David Killogg

11ly for fence Vewers Mathew Vandewsor Levi Nye Peter Willcocks

12ly for hogreaves for the year Insuing Elisha Grant & Aaron Ingerso** And Jonathan foot

13 Voted to Let hogs Run at Large Under the Regalation of the Law this Meeting Desolved

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At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee held at Ensn Peter Willcocks on Monday the 24 Day of August A D 1778

1 Chose Capt Jesse Bradley Modarator for sd Meeting

2 Voted to Send 2 Men to a Convension to Be held at Pitsfield on the Last Wednesday of this Instant August in Order to Petition the Genaral Court to form a New Constitution the Men Chosen are Capt Jesse Bradley and Mr William Ingersoll

* Voted to Agorn the Meeting until the first Wednesday in September to this Place at Two a Clock in After Noon

** Peter Willcocks house the first Wednesday in September 2 Clock After Noon Met the people and Opened the Meeting According to the Above Agorment

4ly Voted to Rais the Sum of Sixty pounds Lawful Money to Defray the Charges of sd Town since the Incorspond [incorporation] of the Town this Meeting Desolved

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At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee held at Eṇ Peter Willcks house in sd Town of Lee on Monday the Sixteenth Day of November AD: 1778 to Act on the following Articles

1 Chose Capt Jesse Bradley Modarator for the sd Meeting

2 Voted to send 2 Men to Pitsfield to Meet a Commity sent their By the Genaral Court to Look into the Greavenes of this County Chose Mr William Ingersoll and Capt Jesse Bradley to Represent the Town in Convension

3ly Voted to Build a Meeting house in sd Town of forty Eight feet Long and Thirty six feet Wide —— ——

4ly Voted to raise the sum of seven hundred Pounds Lawful Money to Defray the Charges of Building the sd house —— ——

5ly Chose a Commity of five Men to Carry on Building of the Meeting house Namly Prince West Capt Jesse Bradley Samuel Porter and hope Davis and Amos Mansfield —— ——

6ly Voted to Chose a Commity of three Men for Laying a Bureing yard in sd Town and Purchising the Land for that Purpose this Meeting Desolved

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At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee Met and held at Ensn Peter Willcks on friday the fifth Day of february at 1 a clock in After Noon A D 1779—— —— ——

1 Chose Capt Jesse Bradley Modarator for sd Meeting—— ——

2ly a vote Put to see if the Town Would send a Delagate to a County Convension to be held on Thursday the 11 Day of february Vote at Pitsfield passed in the Negative— —— ——

3ly Voted to Apply to Mr fowler to Preach with us—this Meeting Desolved.

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At a Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee held at Peter Willcocks house on Monday the 1 Day of March at 1 a Clock After Noon A D: 1779—— —— ——

1 Chose Capt Jesse Bradley Modarator for sd Meeting—— ——

2ly Chose Leut Amos Porter to Represent the Town in a County Convension to be held at Pitsfield on the second Day of March Iustant—— this Meeting is Desolved———

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At Annual Town Meeting held at Ensn Peter Willcocks in Lee on Monday the Ninth Day of March A D. 1779 By the Inhabitants of sd Town of Lee———

1 Chose Captn Jesse Bradley Modarator for sd Meeting— ——

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2ly Voted that we hold our selves Bound to suport the sivil Athority of this State for the time of one year and Bound to Obay the Laws of this State

3ly Chose Prince West Town Clark ⟨ Swore him.

4ly for Selectmen Chose Mr William Ingersoll and Captn Jesse Bradley and hope Davis

5ly for Constables Joseph Crocker and Eleazer West ⟨ Swore them

6ly for Committy of Corisponds Chose Nathan Bawl and Oliver West & Pr**** ****

7ly for a Town Treasurer Chose Oliver West

8ly for Tytheing Men Chose Thomas Beacher and Job Hambling ⟨ Swore them

8ly for surveyors of high ways Chose Levi Nye & Daniel West James Tutt** Benjamin Backus & Aaron Ingersoll Abithar Chadewick & Nathaniel Beckus Isac Davis Junr ⟨ Swore them— ——

9ly for fence Vewers Chose Daniel Church & Nathan Bawl & Samuel Porter

10ly for Hogreaves Chose Abitha Chadewick Sylvenus Dimuck & Jearod Ingersoll —

11ly for Leather Sealor Samuel Staudly—— —— ——

12ly for Sealors of Waits and Measures John Winegar—— ———

13ly Voted to pas over the 4 Article in the Warrant———

14ly Voted to pas over the 5 Article in the Warrant— — — —

15ly Voted that hogs should Run at Large Under the Regalation of the Law

Voted to pas over all the Rest of the Warrant and Desolved the Meeting

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At Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee held at Ensn Peter Willcocks house in sd Lee Begun and held on Wednesday the *** Day of December at Ten a Clock 1779—— — —

1ly Chose James Penoyer Modarator for sd Meeting— — —

2ly Voted to Agorn the Meeting unto Thursday the seventh Day of December Curant thursday the seventh Day of December According to the Above Agornment the Meeting was Opened—— ——

3ly Voted to Build a Meeting house in And for the Use of Town of fifty Two feet Long and thirty six feet Wide—— ——

Voted to Hope Davis & Job hamblin and Oliver West & Peter Willcocks And Levi Nye Samuel Porter & Prince West Daniel Church and Noah Crocker—— ——

to Build a Meeting house Where the Town shall agree to set ** And sell the Pew spots at a Publick Vandew Except the Town Will Agree to pay them sum other Way

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4ly Voted to set the Meeting house Where the Court Commity set the st***

5ly Voted to Chose a Committee of three Men for Receving the Bond for Building the house from Hope Davis and others Viz James Penoyer & Nathan Ba** * William Ingersoll are the Committee— — —

6ly Voted to Chose a Committee of three Men to Lay out and purches the **** for to set the Meeting house on —— —— ——
James Penoyer & Nathan Baul & William Ingersoll —— ——
this Meeting is Desolved

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At a Town Meeting the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee held at Ensn Peter Willcocks house on Monday & 20 Day of December A. D. 1779/1 a Clock after Noon

* Chose Oliver West Modarator for sd Meeting ———

* Voted to Raise the Sum of two hundred and Ten pounds Lawful Money to Pay the Selectmen to Replace the Money that was advanced to pay a Bounty to the Soldiers Raised in October Last by Order of the Genaral Court —— —— ——

3ly Voted to Order the Sessors to Asses the Money this Meeting Desolved

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At Annual Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee Begun and held at Ensn Peter Willcocks house in Lee on Monday the 20 Day of March A D: 1780 the Meeting Was Opened —— ——

1 Chose Mr Oliver West Modarator for sd Meeting —— ——

2 Chose Prince West Town Clark ———

3 for Selectmen Oliver West Josiah yail Lemuel Crocker ———
for Sessors the Same as Selectmen ———

4 for Town Treashery Oliver West Was Chosen —— ——

5ly for Constables Chose Mr Job hamblin & John Nye swore them

6ly for Surveyors of high ways Chose Captn Bradley Thomas Beacher Amos Mansfield & Samuel Standley Josiah Hatch Amos Porter Peter Willcocks Simon Calkins Abither Chadwick & Moses Ingersoll Sworn

7ly Chose Hope Davis & Daniel Church Tytheing Men the year ———

8ly for fence Vewers Mr Eleazer West Levi Nye & David Kellogg——

9ly Made Choice of Ichobud Beckus & Joseph Crocker & Nathan Davis All for hogreafs the year Insuing swore them ———

10ly Chose Mr Standley a sealor of Leather —— ——

11 Chose James Penoyer & Stephen Lee & Daniel Church for a Committee of Corespond for the year Insuing ———

12ly Voted to give Mr Abraham fowler a Call for their Minester to Preach the Gospel a mongs us——— ———
Voted to Adgorn the Meeting to Wednesday 29 Day of March at 1 a Clock

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in the after Noon to this place March 29 Acording to the above Adgornment the people Met the Meeting Was Opened—— ——
Voted to Warn the Town Meetings by setting up Notifications at four Deferant Places Near at Peter Willcocks house & Amos Mansfield Mill & Ashbel Lee Grismill & John Winegar Grismill —— ——
Voted to Except of a Road from Washinton Line Down River towards Capt Bradley —— ——
Voted to Except of a Road Laid out from the County Road near Capt porter house Down Pettis West so on to Houck Boricks ——
Voted to Except of a Road to Samuel Standleys to Washinton Line
Voted to Let hogs Run at Large Under the Regalation of the Law—
Voted to Repair Over high ways by Days Work —— ——
Voted to give Aaron Wormer half the Land Lost for a Road at the East **d his Lot if Any there be for a Consideration for a Road Laid through **** Wormers Lot this Meeting Desolved ——

At a Publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee Begun and held at Ensn Peter Willcocks house in Lee on friday the 7 Day of April A D: 1780 1 a Clock in the after Noon the Meeting Was Opened
1 Made Choice of Mr William Ingersoll Modarator for sd Meeting——
2 Voted to Except all the Churchmen & Babtist and quackers from Settleing [and] Seporting a Prispeartering Minester in the Town——
3 to Settle Mr Abraham fowler as a Minester in this Town——
4 to Give Mr fowler one hundred & Eighty Pounds for a settlement to[be as] Good as Money was in the year 1774
4ly Voted to Give Mr fowler fifty Pounds yearly for a sallery——
5ly Voted to Chose a Committee of 3 Men to Let Mr fowler Know What the Town had Don at this Meeting vz Prince West & William Ingersoll And Capt Jesse Bradley this Meeting is Desolved—

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee June 15th 1780 according to the Warrant after Opening the Meeting Made Choice of Mr Oliver West Moderator for sd Meeting 2 Voted to adjourn the Meeting for 8 Minutes then to Meet at Peter Willcox's Barn 3d Voted to choose a Committee to hire preaching for 3 Months & to raise Money to pay charges for that purpose and if any Man refuses to be assessed he is to apply to the assessors and they are not to assess him——
4th Voted to raise the sum of twenty four Pounds Silvar Money or the equal Value thereof in Continental Money to be assessed in and paid by the first August next
for a Committee to hire Preaching–Nam. Pelatiah West Prince West and Ashbel Lee. this Meeting is Desolved——

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At a public Town Meeting begun and held at Peter Willcox's on the 19th Day of June 1780—first choose Mr Hope Davis Moderator.

2 Voted that the Town Would come into a Way to raise the Men now Called for—

3d Voted to give each Man twelve Pounds Bounty in hard Money—

4th Voted that they Would raise one hundred and eight Pounds in hard money

5th Voted that this Money shall be assessed by the first Day of August—

6th Voted that this Money shall be paid in the Town Treasury by the first of January

7th Voted to chuse a Committee for raising these Men——

8th Voted that the three Commissioned Officers be the committee for hiring these Men.—

9th Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the 21 Day of June–12 OClock at Noon Test Hope Davis Moderator — —

Wednesday twelve OClock Met and adjourned to 4 in the afternoon at Which time the Town Met and dissolved the Meeting

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At a public Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee at the house of Peter Willcox on the 11th Day of July 1780 — ——

1 Chose Capt Jesse Bradley Moderator 2d Voted to give the two men the Same Bounty that the other six Months men had 3d Voted that the Money be assessed at the Same time 4th Voted to adjourn the Meeting half an hour

Said Meeting Opened and 5th Voted that the three Months men Shall have forty shillings a Month in Addition—hard Money or Grain Equivalin thereto.

6th Voted the Money to be assessed the first of August.—7th Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned till the 14th Day of July at 5 OClock P M July 14th according to Adjournment Met and Opened the Meeting—8th Voted that the Men Who are raised or to be raised at present time are to have forty shillings ℔r Month as before Mentioned to be raised by May [way] of Fines and What the fines fall short the Town is to make up

Meeting Dissolved

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[FIRST STATE ELECTION.]

At a public Town Meeting begunned and held at the House [of] Peter Willcox in Lee on Monday the 4th Day of September 1780 Currant at one OClock P W [M]

Voted for aGovernor

	Votes
John Hancok Esqr	24
James Bordewine	6

Lt Governor

	Votes
John Hancock	5
Artemus Ward	22
James Bordewine	3

For Senators or Council

	Votes
John Bacon	15
Jael Woodbridge	14
William Whiting	10

Dissolved

At a publick Town Meeting of the Town of Lee begun and held at the house of Peter Willcox on the 2d of November 1780–1 Choose Oliver West Moderator for sd Meeting 2d Voted to buy the beef for the use of the Army 3d Choose a Committee of 3 Men to buy the beef viz. Capt Bradly Peter Willcox and Josiah Yale 4th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to thursday 2 O Clock P M. 9th currant—At Peter Willcox's according to adjournment the Meeting opened and Voted 5thly to raise the Sum of fifty five Pounds Silvar Money to be assess immediately to Purchase Beef for the use of the Army—6th Voted to pass over the 3d Article in the Warrant—7th Voted to pass over the 4th Article in the Warrant

Meeting Dissolved

Lee December the 22d 1780

this Day the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee met at Peter Willcox's House 1 Chose Eleazer West Moderator 2 Voted to raise 7 Men to serve in the Continental Army for 3 years or during the War according to a Resolve of Court 3d Voted to raise the above 7 Men on the Town Cost 4th Choose a Committee for raising the 6 Men 5th that the Committee Consist of 5 Men 6th for a Committee Capt Bradley Lieut. Calkins Peter Willcox and Joshiah Wells to assist the Officeres in raising the Men 7th to adjourn the Meeting to the 2d Monday in January at 2 o Clock P M. January the 8th Met according to adjournment And adjourned till the 15th Instant at this place Meeting opened Accordingly and adjourned to the 25th at this place Met accordingly and Dissolved.

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At a publick Town Meeting begun and held at Peter Willcox's House Lee on Wednesday the 27th of December 1780—1 Choose Oliver West Moderator— 2d Voted Not to do any thing about the Meeting House 3d Voted that the Money Which Was rais'd to hire preaching should be Paid to Mr Catling for his preaching—

this Meeting is Dissolved

At a public Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Lee held at Peter Willcox's on Monday the 8th of January 10 Oclock in the Morning

Opened

1 Chose capt Jesse Bradley Moderator 2 Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the 15th of January Inst at this place Monday January the 15th Meeting open'd according to adjournment—Voted to Comply With the Requisition of Genr Court and to provide the beef Called for the use of the Army 5th Voted to raise the sum of six thousand eight hundred and eighteen Pounds to be assess'd Immediately 6th Voted that Grain shall be received for pay—viz Wheat at 72 Dollars pr Bushel Rye at 48 Dollars pr Bushel Indian Corn at 26 Dollars pr Do Oats at 27 Dollars pr Bushel Committee to receive Grain Peter Willcox Amos Mansfield Simon Calkins this Meeting is Dissolved —— ——

At a publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee Assembled at the house of Peter Willcox on friday the 20 Day of Janry 1781 10 Oclock in forenoon 1 Chose Amos Mansfield Moderator 2d a Moution made to raise a sum of Money to pay the Soldiers Which are to be raised Voted in the Nagative — —

3 Voted that the Select[Men]give orders to the six and three Months Men on the Treasurer for their Bounty the Town should give them for their Service 4th Voted to petition to the General Court for Redress

5th Voted to choose a Committee to forward a Petition to General Court for Releif Voted to Choos 5 Men for a Committee 7th Made choice of William Ingersoll Jesse Bradley Job Hamblin Abijah Tombler & John Coffey for the above Committee Meeting Dissolved.

At a publick Town Meeting begun and held at Peter Willcox,s house in Lee on 6th of february 1781 Meeting Open'd — —

1 Choose Capt Bradley Moderator Meeting Dissolved.

At a publick Town Meeting begun and held at the house of Peter Willcox in Lee on the 13th Day of March AD 1781 Meeting Opened

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1 Chose Mr William Ingersol Moderator — —
2 Selectmen Capt Jesse Bradley Amos Mansfield Josiah Yale } sworn
for assessors—Ashbel Lee Ephriam Hollester John Coffey } sworn

sworn { Town Clark Prince West Town Treasurer Oliver West Constables William Ingersol Seth Backus Voted to excuse Mr Backus from serving as Constable on his Precuring Simon Calkins to serve in his Room Chose sd. Calkin Surveyors—George chanter Ephm Hollester Isaac Davis Seth Gibbs Daniel West Ichabod Backus Josiah Hatch Lent. Levi Nye Oliver Collins & Abiather Chadwick } sworn

Voted to raise the sum of one hundred Money to be laid Out in repairing and Working at the High ways Voted to give four shillings & six pence pr Day till the 15th of August then to give three shillings & six pence to the Middle of October next

Voted that the Surveyors of high ways do Collect the Highway Rates

Sworn
Tytheing men Elisha Freeman and Jonathan foot —
Hogreavs—Slyvnus Dimuck John Davis Jonathan foot Samuel Standly
Fence vewers Samuel Stanley Sylvenus Dimuck and John Davis
2 Sealer of Leather—Charles Avery
Sealer of Weights and Measures Amos Mansfield } Sworn

Adjourned to 27th Inst one OClock afternoon

At Prince West's March 27th 1781 according to adjournment Meeting Opened Voted to accept a Road from the End of West's Lain to the river Also a Road accepted by the Town from the Widow Davis's to Tyringham Line [also] the Road [from]Widow Jones's Land to Elisha Grant—then to the River thence on to the Meeting House

Accepted a Road from Pel. West easterly to the River Sd Road is 3 Rods Wide—Voted to accept a Road from near Mr Jona Foots to Elisha Freemans Accept a Road from Widow Davis to Eleazer West's

A Road from Lee's Mill to Mr [name omitted]so on by Chadwicks to the Lenox Line across the River to the Road that comes from Capt Bradleys—Voted to accept a Road from Lee's Mill running from Capt Bradleys to the Meeting House—Voted to raise the Sum seventy five pounds silver to pay 5 Soldiers to Serve in the Continental Army or shall be that are inlisted for 3 Years—to raise the Sum of Seventy five pounds yearly for two years to Come for the purpose of paying the 5 Soldiers above mentioned Voted to excuse William Ingersol from serving as Constable and chose Moses Ingersol in his stead—Adjourned to Monday next

Met Accordingly and Dissolved— —

At a publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee Met at the House of Prince West for the purpose of chusing a Governor, Lieut

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Governor and Counsil — - -

For a Governor	Votes		Votes
Exy John Hancock	—27—	James Bowdewin	—11 for a Governor
For Lieut Govr thomas Cushing	— 32		

for Counsellors	Jona Nash	19
	Caleb Hyde	19
	John Bacon Esqr	7
	Jale Woodbridge Esr	8

Meeting Dissolved

At a publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee Begun and held at the House of Prince West on the 19th of April 1781 One OClock afternoon Meeting Opened

Chose Captn Jesse Bradley Moderator — 2d Voted to pass over the 2d Article in the Warrant — 3d Vote put to see if the Town Would Have the Money Assess'd that was Voted in March Meeting to pay Soldiers pass'd in the Nagative. Dissolved the Meeting

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At a publick Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee Met at the house of Prince West on thursday the 26 Day of April 1781 — Meeting Open'd —

1 Chose David Stevens Moderator—2d Voted put to see if the Town Would pay for all the Roads Laid out or Shall be laid out in the Town — pass'd in Nagative — 3d Vote put to see if the Town Would give Orders to the Assessors to Assess the Money Voted in March Meeting Last to pay Soldiers that are ras'd or should be rais'd to serve in the Continental Army for 3 years or during the War passed in Nagative

4th Voted that the Assessors be Order'd immediately to Assess the Money Voted to repair the Roads—5ly Made choice of Moses Ingersol Constable for the year ensuing — this Meeting Dissolved —

Lee May 18th 1781 Assembled at the Meeting House in Lee the Inhabitants of said Town — Meeting Opened — 1 Chose Captn Jesse Bradley Moderator for sd Meeting—2d Voted to raise a sum of Money to pay Mr Kirkland for preaching Voted to raise 40£. for Mr Kirkland — — Voted to exempt all Churchmens Baptists & Quakers paying for preaching

5th Voted if any man refuse to pay his tax for preaching he shall apply to the Treasurer Who shall give him an Order on the Collector Which

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shall free him from the tax — 6 Voted the Money be Assessed immediately and put into the Hand of the Collector

7th Voted that all Town Meetings for the present year be warned by setting up Notifications at 4 Different places viz. at or near the Meeting house in Lee Lee's Mill Amos Mansfields Mill and at John Winegar's Mill — Dissolved

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At a Legal Town Meeting July 10th 1781 — —

1 Chose Captn Jesse Bradley Moderator—2d Voted put to see if the Town will fling up the Assessing the Town for soldiers passed in the Nagative 3d Voted to pass over the 2d Article in the Warrant for the present — 4th Voted to pass over the 3d Article in the Warrant—5th Voted to [pass] over the 4th Article — Dissolved

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At Legal Town Meeting July 14th - 1781 Begun and held at the Meeting house — 1 Chose William Ingersol Moderator — 2d Vote put to see if the Town Will raise the 5 Men now called to go in the 3 Months service — pased Nagative—3d Voted to raise the 5 Men Now called by c[l]assing the Town — 4th Voted that the Town shall Make out 4 classes — who shall also make the 5th Man (a Sergeant) equal to one of the four — in pay — 5th Voted to comply With the Requisition of the Genarl Court to raise Beef now called for

6th Voted to Make 6 Classes in the Town and each Class to provide their equal proportion of Beef —7th Voted that the Assessors also Asses the Beef immediately for the Use of the Army—8th Voted that the Assessors Make an Assessment to each Class — to be Made in pounds of Beef or Money equivalent in the Judgement of the Superintendant—and sd Beef to be Delivered to the Superintendant by each Class

Dissolved ———

At a Legal Town Meeting August 28th 1781—1 Chose Mr Sam[u]el Standley Moderator—2d Voted to raise [the] sum of forty two pounds to pay for 3 Horses that the Select Men bought for the Use of the State —

3d Voted that the Assessors be ordered to Assess the above 42£. immediately

4th Voted to Adjourn Meeting to the 4th of September — —

September 4th Town Met According to Adjournment — —

5th Voted that the inhabitants of this Town be assess'd the whole of the Beef that the tax was then Made by—agreeable to a Resolve of the Genl

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Court and what each Man has paid in Money or grain to be deducted out of His proportion of sd Beef agreeable to the Estimation of the Committee appointed by the Genl Court for that purpose— —

6th A Motion made to see if the Town will take the Meeting house of the Committee and pay their Cost—pass'd in the Negative

7th Motion made to see if the Town will sell the Seat Ground to pay the Cost of finishing the Meeting house—pass'd in Negative— —

8th Moting Made to see if the Town will raise any sum of Money to lay Out to the Meeting house—pass'd in Negative—

—Dissolved—

At a Legal Town Meeting September 4th 1781—

1 Chose Esqr Jenkens Moderator—2d Voted that the inhabitants of the Town give in their List to the Assessors of all their ratable Estates that they were possess'd of the 30 of May last, under Oath

3d Voted that the Assessors be directed to go to every Man's house and view His Estate— Dissolved—

At a Legal Town Meeting at the Meeting House Decr 12th 1781

1 Chose Mr Oliver West Moderator—2d Voted to adjourn 6 Minutes to Meet at the house of Nathan Davis—Met accordingly— —

3d Voted to pass over the 3d Article—4th Voted to adjourn unto Wednesday Next One OClock P. M. to be at the Meeting House

Decr 19th 1781 according to the above adjournment the Meeting was opened

5th Voted to pass over raising Money for Preaching at present— —

6th Voted to pass over the Article of Raising Money to pay the Old Select Men for Money they paid out

7th —Dissolved the Meeting—

At a Legal Town Meeting february 5th 1782—

1 Chose Captn Jesse Bradley Moderator—2d William Ingersol Esqr Clerk Protemporary—3d Chose William Ingersol Esqr -Captn Jesse Bradley and Oliver West Committee to apply to Elisha Parmele to Come and preach With us— —

At a Legal annual Town Meeting begun and held at the Meeting House—Monday-March 18th 1782—1st Chose Ebenr Jenkens Esqr Moderator—2d Chose Thomas Becher Town Clark.—

3d Chose Ebenezer Jankens Esqr Oliver West and Amos Mansfield Select

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Men for this Town—4th Chose Captn Jesse Bradley Constable-Refused-Chose Mathew Vanduzer Constable—Refused Chose Levi Nye Constable—Refused—Chose Jonathan foot Constable

5th Assessors-Eleazer West, Joshua Wells and Prince West— —

6th Surveyors—Prince West, John Crosby Samuel Davis, Samuel Stanley Theophilus Mansfield, Elijah West Captn Jesse Bradley Amos Mansfield Abijah Tamblin—7th Town Treasurer Oliver West—

8th Voted to raise 200£. for repairing high Ways to be paid in Labour at 5/ pr Day till the 1st Day of October then 3/ a Day till all be Work'd out

9th Tythingmen David Ingersol Daniel Churck—

10th Hogreaves Cornelius Bassett John Davis Benja Smith—

11th Sealer of Leather Samuel Stanley---

12th Sealer of Weights and Measures Charles Avery—

13th Fence Vewers Lemuel Crocker Simon Calkins Elisha Freeman——

14th Wood Corder Seth Gibbs--15th Voted to adjourn to Monday the 25th Inst Monday March 25th 1782—The Town Met according to adjournment

16th Wardeens. Ozias Strong, Amos Porter-17th Voted to accept of a Road from beginning on the River Bank the North line of Bartholomy's Land to the Road that Leads North & South through the Town

18th Voted to Except of a Road from Seth Gibbs to Seth Barlows house And then to Lemuel Crockers so on down to Becket Road—

19th Voted to accept a Road from Near the Furnace [to] hans Winegars Old House-20th Voted to accept a road or exchange a Road from John Stevens to Ebenezer West's and to give the Land Where the Road now goes to the Rivers [givers] of the Land— —

21st Voted to Accept a Road from the Widow Davis's to Mansfield's Mill

22d Vote passed to act on the 6th Article in the Warrant— —

23d Voted to take Care of the School Land-24th Vote put to see if the Town will take Care of the School Land-25th Vote put to see if the Town Will grant the School Land—passed in Negative—

26th Chose Wm Ingersol-Captn Jesse Bradley-Oliver West and Amos Mansfield as a Committee to Look into the School Land [and] take Care of the Same-27th Voted to except Jonathan foot from Serveing as Constable—-

28th Chose Jonathan foot Jur Constable-refused-29th Voted the Select Men to procure a town Stock of Amunition—30th Voted to raise 30£. to pay Town Debts all ready Contracted-31st Voted to raise 40£. to pay out for Amunition——friday March 28th Town Met by Adjournment——

32d Voted to choose 2 Constables-33d -Voted That george Bennet shall serve as Constable—Refused—

34th Voted to accept a Road through Captn Crocker's Land to Levi Nye

35th Voted Not to accept of that Road beginning at Becket Road from George Bennets to S Backus's--36th Chose James Tuttle Constable——

37th Voted to reconsider all the Votes passed on the 25th of Instant on account of the Hoplands called School land

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38th Voted that the above Land is voted to that part of the Inhabitants Belonging to the said Hopland—39th Voted to choose a Committee of 3 —— 40th Voted that Eleazer West Amos Mansfield Thomas Crocker be a Committee to take Care of said land

Dissolved

At a town Meeting in Lee the 28th 1782– 1st Chose Oliver West Moderator 2d Voted to Except of a ward done by that Committee Concerning the School Lands 3d Voted to pay Mr Catling the Sum of Money which was 48£. 16s together with 24£. that was assesst———Desolved———

Berkshire SS at a town Meeting Legally Warned and held at the Meeting house Lee the 16th Day of April 1782 and three of the Men that were Voted for Governor L eut governor and Senators
for a Governor John Hancock 13 James Boardwine 4 for L eut. Governor thomas Quesin [Cushing] 13 Votes go 4 for Senators Nathaniel Kingsly 16 Jonathan Smith 11 James Harris 8 John Bacon 5 Yail Woodbridge 6 William Ingersol 2 deacond Judg's 2 Ebenezer Jinkins 1——Desolved—

At a Legal Town Meeting November the 29th 1782 —— ——

1st Chose a Moderator Captn Bradley——2d Voted to apply for preaching

3d Voted to hire preaching till the first of March——4th Chose a Committee of three and they Chose L eut. Wells Ebenezer Jinkens Esqr Seth Backus a Committee—5th Voted to give the Instructions—6th Voted to apply to Mr Catling if not obtain to use there Dischression

7th Meeting was adjourn to Mr Dillingham's house for four Minutes

8th The Meeting was opened—9th Voted to rais 20 pounds in Money

10th Voted to rais this Money by the first of february Next

11th Voted that L eut. Crocker be a Collector for this [his] Class—12th Voted that Captn Bradley be a Collector for his Class—13th Voted that Captn Yale be a Collector for his Class —— ——

14th Voted to Make those Men that was Heads of Classes for raising of beef Collectors For sd Classes Namely Isaac Davis James Penoyer Daniel Church L eut Nye George Bennit Elijah West——Desolved——

At a Legal annual Town Meeting, March 3d 1783—1st Chose Amos Mansfield Moderator.—2d Thomas Becher Town Clerk. 3d Capt Thomas Crocker Ebenezer Jinkens Esqr Capt. Josiah Yale ⟨ Select Men ——

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4th Voted to Chose a Constable by bidding down wards. 5th Voted to chose assessors Viz Daniel Church L eut Joshua Wells & Prince West—6th Voted to Chose nine Surveyors of high ways viz. Prince West Esqr Jenkins Leut Crocker Jered Bradley Abiathar Chadwick, Capt Yale Manoah Ellis, Oziel Willcox. Simon Calkins—7th Chose David Kellogg Tyething Man also Daniel West ——

8th Nathan Ball, Prince West & Nathan Dillingham Fence Viewers

9th Sylvenus Dimuck George Bennet, Jered Ingersol Hogreavs also John Davis—10th Seth Gibbs Corder of Wood. 11th David Kellogg sealor of Leather and Weights and Measures—12th Seth Backus Oliver West Wardens

13th Peter Willcox undertook to serve as Coustable for the Consideration of 8½£

14th Voted to raise 250£. for repairing Highways & Bridges—to be work't out at 5/ ₱r Day till the first of Sepr and then at 3/ till the 15th of Octr

15th Voted that warning of Town Meetings Shall be given by setting Notifications 2 Sabaths proceeding the Meeting—16th Voted to raise 7£. to Purchase Land round the Meeting house—17th adjourned to the first Monday in April Next——— April 7th the Town met according to adjournment at 3 OClock P M.

1st Votes brought in for County Rigester were for Moses Hopkins 81 Votes—2d Voted to reconsider the 14th Vote in Last Meeting for raising Money to repair Roads—3d Voted to Raise 150£. to repair Highways to be wrought out a 4/ ₱r Day till The last of Sepr after that 3/ a Day—4th Voted to excuse Simon Calkins as Surveyor Chose Rufus Stanton in his Room—5th Voted to accept the following Roads viz—One from the S. W. corner of Glass Work grant to Daniel West's; One from Aaron Ingersol to Eleazer West's and one from Pelatiah West's to Nathan Ball's Road to Furnace——— ———

6th Voted to discontinue the Road from Noah Crocker's to Jonathan foot Jnr Road—7th Voted that the Surveyors of Roads be Collectors for gathering Money raised for highways—8th Voted to discontinue the Road from John Davis's to Wm Ingersol Esqr —9th Chose the following Committee to Vew and assist the Select Men in laying out a Road to Winegar's Mill Viz–Wm Ingersol Esqr Captn Jesse Bradley & Leut Joshua Wells

Adjourned to friday the 11th Instant at 3 OClock P. M.
Chose Archelaus Chadwick Tything Man { Oths —— ———

Friday, March 11th 1783

Town Met According to Adjournment—1st Voted to accept a Road from George Chanters to Winegars Mill—2d Voted to choose a Surveyor to Repair the Road between Reuben Pixley's & Levi Nye's & 3d Chose John Coffey for that Purpose 4th Chose Luke Fisher Surveyor on the County Road he Lives on—5th Voted to accept the Road again from

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Chanter's Road to Jonathan foot's Jur Road (leading to Becket,) Which was discontinued last Meeting—6th Chose James Penoyer Collector of his own Class Rates—7th Chose Elisha Freeman Collecter of his own Class's Rates—8th Voted to excuse Seth Backus as Warden—9th Chose Reben Pixley Collector of his own Class's Rates

Dissolved the Meeting

At a Legal Town Meeting Sepr [Apr?] 7th 1783—Votes brought in for a Governor were Genl Lincoln 35, Genl Hancock 16 for Lieut Govr Thomas Cushing 30 John Bacon 5 For Senators Jahal Woodbridge 3 John Bacon 20 Theodore Sedgwick 15–Col Smith 4 Jona Nash 4, Wm Walker 2, Prince West 1, Wm Ingersoll 1.

Voted to excuse Thomas Becher from serving as Town Clerk and chose in his stead Nathan Dillingham

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At a Legal Town Meeting May 12th 1783—Chose Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr to Represent the Town in Genl Court this year

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May 12th the Select Men appointed a spot of Land 24 feet Square off the South West Corner of Peter Willcox's Lot by the Meeting House to erect a Pound upon

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Broke into the Meadow of James Gardener a Black Horse, about 14 years old, 14 Hands high, paces Altogether, Star in his Forehead and Shod before—May 6th 1783

Taken up by Ashahel Dodge a brown horse, about 2 years Old, 13 hands high little White in his forehead, a Wart Near Right Ear.—June 31st 1783

At a Legal Town Meeting June 30th 1783—Chose Amos Mansfield Moderator—[Motion] made to see if the Town Will grant the Request of the Petitioners against support'g Mr Parmele. Divided the House. 19 in favour 39 against ——Dissolved the Meeting———

At a Legal Town Meeting August 18th Chose Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr Moderator Chose Elijah West Grand Juror and Samuel Porter Petit Juror The Select Men appointed the Barn Yard of Isaac Davis and Elijah West for Pounds—and also appointed Amos Mansfield or Elijah West Pound Keepers —— —— —

Dissolved——

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At a Legal Town Meeting Sepr 22d 1783—Chose Mathew Vanduzer Grand Juror and Ichabod Backus Petit Juror both to serve at the Next Superior Court

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At a Legal Town Meeting Jan 6th 1784—Chose Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr Moderator—1st Chose Captn Jesse Bradley Prince West L eut. Joshua Wells, Job Hamblin William Ingersol Esqr as a Committee to Collect Receipts &c concerning Beef Which the Town has paid by Classes, and Make Return to the Next Town Meeting—2 Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to next Tuesday, at one OClock afternoon and that the Constable give Notice of the same ——

Tuesday Jan 13th the Town met according to adjournment———

4th Voted to adjourn to N Dillinghams immediately. Town Met accordingly

5th Voted to Chose a Committee to take into Consideration the affair of the Building the Meeting House, and see Whether the former Committee have fulfill'd their agree ment—6th Voted to chuse two in addition to the former Committee and to Repor to the Nex Meeting—7th Chose Eleazer West Capt Jesse Bradley for the above Committee — — Question was put to determine whether 8th the Select Men to give Orders to the Town Treasurer to pay the Fines that are or Shall be Collected from those Men that Were Chosen Constables, to the Last Years Constables, when they shall have compleated their Rates passed in the Negative

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At a Legal annual Town Meeting March 8th 1784———

1st Chose Captn Josiah Yale Moderator— 2d Voted to Chuse three Men for Select Men the Ensuing Year. Accordingly Made Choice of 3d Captn Jesse Bradley, Amos Mansfield, and Lieut Joshua Wells—

4th Nathan Dillingham Town Clerk——— ——

5th Voted to Chuse three Men for Assessors and Accordingly Chose Assessors { Prince West John Nye and Amos Mansfield—6th Voted that the Constable { Constable for the present year shall procure two sufficient Bondsmen or Securties, and that he shall be paid so much ℔r Cent for all the Taxes he shall Collect, and that the Constable's pay shall be assess'd in Each and every Bill that shall be put into his Hands. Elisha Crocker undertook to serve as Constable for the Consideration of three pounds Eight Shillings on the Hundred, and was voted in accordingly ——— ——

7th Voted to chuse Nine Surveyors of highways—Chose David Porter Aaron Benedick; Reuben Pixley Samuel Stanley, Ozias Strong Lieut Josh Wells John Coffey, Prince West, Seth Barlow, Surveyors.

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8th Voted to chuse two Tything Men chose Archelaus Chadwick & David Ingersol—9th Chose Oziel Willcox, Thomas Becher Seth Backus Fence Viewers—10th Chose Daniel Willcox Isaac Davis Ichabod Backus, Cornelius Bassett, Serves Hogreaves—11th Chose Seth Gibbs, John Ramsdill Corders of Wood—12th Chose Leml Crocker Capt David Porter Surveyors of Lumber.—13th Chose Elijah Bushnell Sealor of Leather, and of Weights and Measures

14th Chose Lieut Levi Nye Mathew Vanduzer Wardens.—— —— Town Treasurer Capt Josiah Yale—15th Voted to raise 150£. for repairing High Ways—16th Voted that those who work on the Roads Shall be allowed 4/a Day till the Last of June and that one half the Money raised shall be wrought out before the last of June —— ——

17th Voted that the other half Shall be wrought out by 10th of October at the Rate of 3/ ℘r Day—18th Voted that the Surveyors of high Ways shall be Collectors of the Money raised to repair High Ways—19th Voted that the Surveyors Shall apprize the work of Oxen and, Utensils employed on the highways——————

20th Voted that Prince West (who undertook to Build the Pound. Shall have 5£. Said Pound to be built as follows viz 30 feet Square, 8 feet high. Posts framed into Sills with plates on the Top agate Hung with Iron, & fastened With strong padlock and to be completed by the first Day of May Next

21st Voted that John Coffey Shall be paid 8/6 for the use of his Waggon on an alarm— 22d Voted not to Divide the Company of Militia in the Town. 23d No high ways brought in to be accepted, therefore, No Vote upon that article ——— ——

24th Vote put to see if the Town will give Orders that Eleazer West And Amos Mansfield Shall have the Fines that was Granted them——Passed in the Negative——— ———

25th Chose Hope Davis Pound Keeper

26th Dissolved the Meeting

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At a Legal Town Meeting on Monday the 5th Day of April 1784———

1st Chose Amos Mansfield Moderator—2d Voted to raise Money for Supporting a ꝑubblick Sohool in this Town. 3d Voted to raise forty pounds the present year to be laid out in Schooling. 4th Voted to Choose a Committee to divide the Town into Districts for Schooling. 5th Chose Joshua Wells, Amos Mansfield Deacon Jesse Bradley, Deacon Oliver West and Prince West for the above Committee. 6th Voted to choose two Men in addition to the former Committee. 7th Chose Simon Calkins and Leml Crocker to joyn the above Committee. 8th Voted that Elisha Crocker shall be paid Ten shillings ℘ct addition to what was allowed him before [for] all he shall Collect by way

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of Rates. 9th Voted to accept of Peter Willcox in lieu of Elisha Crocker to serve as Constable this year—said Crocker to be Willcox's Bondsman —10th Voted to pass over the Article respecting raising Money to repair Bridges.—11th No Vote to give up the Bond to the Committee Who Build the Meeting House—12th—Dissolved———

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At a Legal Town Meeting, Monday the 5th Apl 1784—in order to Choose Governor &c. Votes brought in for Governor were for John Hancock 13 Votes Genl Lincoln—1—for Lt Governor. Thos Cushing 14 Votes for Senators Jahaleel Woodbridge Esqr 9 Votes Nathaniel Kingsly Esqr 8 Col Jona Smith-3—Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr 1—John Bacon-2—Theodore Sedgwick 2—William Walker Esqr 2—David Stevens 1——

Dissolved the Meeting

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Monday May 10th 1784 According to a Warrant——the Town Met and Chose Amos Mansfield Clerk protempore for Sd Meeting Secondy Made Choice of Ebr Jenkens Esqr to represent the Town in the General Court the year Ensuing————————

According to the above Mentioned Warrant Chose Capt Jesse Bradley Moderator— 2d Voted accept the report of the Committee that Was Chosen to Divide the Town into Districts for Schooling

3d Voted that every Districts Shall Draw Money to pay for the Schooling according to their ratable Estate, and to pay accordingly, the Charge of schooling—4th Voted to Chuse 5 Men as Agents. 5th accordingly chose Capt Thomas Crocker Capt David Porter, Lieut Church Esqr Jenkens & Ozias Strong——

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† SCOOL DISTRICTS

First District—Begining at James Gardener's and Ruben Pixley's then accross to Esqr Ingersoll's thence to Jeremy Wormer's and to the Hopland North Line. then taking all West & South in that part of said Town Called the Hoplands Except Ebr Swift which makes out the first District

Lee April the 12th 1784 According to an agreement the Committee for Dividing the Town into Districts met at Nathan Dillingham and Agreed to Divided† the Town into four Districts first Districts† Begining at James Gardener's and Ruben Pixley and then to Esqr Ingersoll from thence† Jereme Wormer's and to the Hopland North Line then taking all West and South in that part of said Town Called the Hopland into the first District [except] Ebenr Swift—— —— ——

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Second District is to take all West of the Main Road in Lee West and North line Exsepting Mr Ashbel Lee and Mr Penoyer's to the first Division line of† the first District——the third Division is to Begin at the Meeting House thence North up the above said River to the North Line of said town taking Mr Lee & Penoyer & also the Road from Mr Calogg East by Mr freeman to Samuel Standley and taking in Mr Andrew West into said District—— fourth‡ Division is to take all South and East from the above said Line Lying Within Said Town to Beckett and Tyringham Line——Jesse Bradley, Joshua Wells, Amos Mansfield, Simon Calkin —Committee for the town of Lee

Second District—takes all west of the Main River in Lee, not included in the first District, excepting Ashbel Lee & James Penoyer.

Third District is to Begin at the Meeting House thence North up the said River to the North line of the Town taking Mr Lee and Mr Penoyer, and also the Road from Mr Kelloggs East by Mr freeman's to Samuel Standley's taking Andrew West into sd District—Fourth Division takes all that part of the Town not included in the fourth Districts

Lee April 12th 1784 - (Jesse Bradley, Joshua Wells, Amos Mansfield, Simon Calkins) - Committee men

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At a Legal Town Meeting July 5th 1784—Chose Capt Jesse Bradley Moderator—2d Voted to Chuse a Committee to look into And adjust Matters respecting the forrage Rate, and accordingly

3d Chose Lieut Wells, Prince West and Simon Calkins for the above Committee—4th Voted that the Town will hire preaching—5th Voted to raise Sixty pounds to Supply the Pulpit

6th Voted to chuse a Committee to lay out said Money —— ——

7th Chose Lt Wells Prince West and Esqr Ingersoll for the afore said purpose—8th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to friday the 16th Inst 4 o'Clock afternoon —— ——

July 16th 1784—Town met according to adjournment—— ——

1 Voted that the Assessors Shall assess one hundred & twenty pounds on the assessment that the second Beef tax was made upon.

2d Voted that the Committee that was chose this Day to look into the affair of the Beef or forrage tax be a Committee to assist the Assessors in proportioning the Tax now granted, and to credit those that have paid in the former Calls

3d Voted that Ebr Jenkens be added to the Committee afore said.

Dissolved the Meeting

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At a Legal Town Meeting July 16th 1784—Capt Jesse Bradley Moderator Vote journed this Meeting to Monday the 19th Inst 5 O'Clock

Monday July the 19th 1784—Town met and Voted that the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby Directed to pay to Eleazer West and Amos Mansfield the Contents of the Executions—viz £. 30–16–0 which they Recovered against Jesse Bradley, Levi Nye George Bennit & Jona foot Jur for not serving as Constables out of the Money that was raised to procure a Town Stock of Amunition

Meeting Dissolved

At a Legal Town Meeting Augt 30th 1784—1st Voted to Choose a Grand-juryman by Nomiuatiou—2d Chose Lt Joshua Wells to serve Grand-juryman the year Ensuing ——

At a Legal Town Meeting Sept 27th 1784 Chose Prince West petit Juror to serve at the next Supreme Court.—Chose Capt David Porter Grand Juror to serve at the next Supreme Court——at the same Meeting Chose Ebenezer Jenkens Agent to act for this Town at a County Convention to be holden in Lenox on the 28th Inst and instructed him that the Town would not have the County Courts holden at two Places

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At a Legal Town Meeting Novr 8th 1784—Chose Dean Jesse Bradley Moderator—2d Chose to send two Delegates to the County Convention to be holden at Lenox—3d Made Choice of Wm Ingersoll Esqr and Deacn Jesse Bradley to serve as Delegates at said Convention

4ly Voted that the Courts be holden at but one place [in] this County ——

5ly Voted that it is the Choice of the Town to have the Courts holden at Stockbridg

6th Voted that provided there should not be an agreement in the Convention with Regard to proposals already made that our Delegates move to fix the Court House in the Centre of the County.—7th Chose Reuben Pixley to Serve as Petit Juror at the next inferior Court

Dissolved the Meeting

At a Legal Town Meeting Novr 23d 1784

Chose Dn Jesse Bradley Moderator Pased over the 2d article in the Warrant—Voted to remitt 2 Rates against Ebenezer Swift on Simon Calkins Bills viz £. 2—15—11 —— ——

Voted also to remit the following Rates against Wm Carr £. 1—9—1

David Mitchel —— —— —— —— 0—7—9

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Voted that Peter Willcox be impowered to Collect what Rates Remains due on Simon Calkins's Bills said Calkins agreeing to make Willcox ample Satisfaction—Voted to remit Mr Howard's Rates of Goose Pond on Job Hamblins Bills—Voted to remit a Rate of 16⅝ against Ebenezer Swift on Joshua Wells's Bills. Voted that the Committee for supplying the pulpit be and are hereby Directed to agree with Mr Storer to preach here as long as he will agree for—Voted that those persons who have or shall Work on the County Road shall be allowed 3⁶/℔r Day on their Highway Rates Next year—Voted that Mr Job Hamblin oversee and take an account of the Work done on the County [road] aforesaid.——

Monday March 7th 1785

At a Legal annual Town Meeting—Chos Dn Jesse Bradley Moderator—1 Chose Joshua Wells—2d Seth Backus—Isaac Davis—Select Men and Assessors—Nathn Dillingham Town Clerk—4th Capt Thomas Crocker, Constable, who undertook to Collect the Taxes the present year for the Consideration of five pounds on the Hundred and David Stevens & Isaac Davis become Sureties for the punctual payment into the Treasuries of all Taxes which the said Crocker shall Collect.—5th Voted to raise the Sum of one Hundred and fifty pounds for repairing high ways

6th Voted that those [who] work on the Roads shall be allowed four shillings ℔r Day from the first of April to the Last of September and two Shillings a Day after that time—7th Surveyors of Roads Edmond Hinkley Amos Mansfield, Elisha Grant, Job Hamblin, Ephraim Hollister, Seth Gibbs, Ebenr West, Thomas Gifford, Sylvenus Dimmuck—

8th Voted that the above Surveyors be & are hereby appointed Collectors of Taxes for repairing high ways—9th Capt Josiah Yale Town Treasurer 10th Voted that Saml Davis be a Surveyor in addition to the former Surveyors and to act accordingly

11th Nathan Ball Seth Gibbs, Tything Men ——— ———

12th Jona foot Jur Hope Davis,—Wardens ——— ———

13th Prince West, Levi Nye—fence Viewers—14th Amasiah Doten, Abiar Chadwick Wait Hatch, Elisha Martindale,—Hogreaves——— ———

15th Voted that hogs may run on the Commons yoaked and ringed the present year.

16th—Prince West Corder of Wood—17th Ebr West, Silas Dibal, Sylvs Dimmuck—Sealer of Leather ——— ———

18th Hope Davis—Sealer of Wts & Measures ——— ——— ———

19th Cornelius Bassett, Saml Porter, David Ingersoll } Surveyors of Lumber

20th Voted to Chuse a Committee of seven Men to take care of the small pox Accordingly, Chose Prince West, Amos Mansfield, Wm Ingersoll Esqr James penoyer Capt Josh Yale, Job Hamblin, Capt David Porter, for the above Committee

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21st Voted that on discontinuing the Road by Job Hamblin's & Dn Wests to allow to Dn Oliver West What Damages that an indifferent Committee, hereafter to be agreed on shall Judge sufficient the sd Dn West sustains by Discontinuing sd Road —— ——

22d Voted to refer to Wm Walker Esqr and Mr Elijah Gates both of Lenox to Judge the Damages, Dn West May sustain by discontinuing the Road by Job Hamblin's &c ——— ——

23d Voted to raise six pounds as soon as be conveniently for procuring a Standard of Weights and Measures and a Town Book for Records

24th Voted that the Committee for supplying the pulpit be & hereby are directed to Employ Mr Hatch to preach till the Next Adjourned Meeting—

25th Voted that innoculation for the Small Pox be set up under the Restrictions of the Committee this Day chosen, which are as follows We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the Town of Lee do think it best to set up an Innoculation for the Small Pox under the following Restrictions that no Person or persons shall innoculate them selves or by any other means suffer the infection to be giveing or taken without Given Previous Notice & obtaining a Permit from the Maijorety of us as a Committee appointed by the sd Town of Lee for that Purpose under the Penalty of the Law Provided in such a Case that all Nurses & tenders and all others and other Persons Which Particular Restrictions in Walking and Cleansing themselves and others under their Care, as Nurses and tenders to the Infected and to see that every Person shall be duly cleansed by a Certificate from under the Hand of some Doctor appointed by us for that purpose Before going a Broad or at Large as at other times that neither Nurses or tenders, or the Infected shall not pass over the Boundaries or line Drawn for the Safety of not spreading the Contageous Disease—on Penalty of the Law Provided in such a Case as above said Given under our hands this 7th Day of March A D—1785———

26th Voted to adjourn to the last Monday of March Instant—at one O'Clock afternoon

Monday, March 28th—1785—The town met according to adjournment

1st Voted to accept the report of the Committee that laid out the burying yard which is as follows—viz—Begining in the North line of Levi Nye's about 6 Rods West of his North East Corner in the South Line of the high way, thence Running South 7° West 10 Rods to a Stake & Stones, then 7° South to a Stake & Stones, then North 7° East to the South Line of the high way, then in Sd Line of the high way to the first mentioned Bounds Containing One Hundred Square Rods the above Land laid out by—Peter Willcox, Seth Backus, Elisha Freeman Committee

[Note.—Evidently part of the survey of the burying yard was omitted from the record. The courses and bounds appear to have been: from first station, south 7 deg. west, 10 rods; then west 7 deg. south, 10 rods; then north 7 deg east, 10 rods; then along the south line of highway to first station.]

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2d Voted that it is agreeable to the Town to employ Mr Hatch to preach a spell longer—3d Voted that the Town would employ Mr Hatch to preach six Sabbaths ensuing—4thly Voted to raise sixty Pounds this year [to] procure Preaching—5th Voted to chuse a Committee to dispose of the above sixty Pounds in procuring preaching or to Supply the Pulpit—6th Voted that the Committee Chosen Last year to supply the Pulpit be continued for the same purpose

7th Voted that Mr Hope Davis be & is hereby appointed to take Care Sweeping & shut the Doors & Windows of the Meeting House, and to be allowed What it Shall be Worth at the years End——

8th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April

Monday Apl 4th 1785—The Town met according to adjournment—

Vote put to see if the Town will accept the report of Wm Walker Esqr & Elisha Gates respecting the Damages which Might have been sustained by Dr West on Discontinuing the Road by his House,—passed in the Negative—— —— ——

Voted that Prince West & John Nye be and hereby are requested to assist the Committee chosen to adjust or settle some Matters respecting a Forrag Rate——— —— ——

Dissolved the Meeting

At a Legal Town Meeting Monday Apl 4th 1785——

Votes for a Governor Were as follows for James Bodwine Esqr EightVotes Thomas Cushing Esqr SixteenVotes—For Lt. Governor James Bodowin Esqr one—Thomas Cushing Esqr one Benja Gorham Esqr -fourteen General Lincoln-three—John Bacon Esqr -two——for Senators Jahaleel Woodbridge Esqr fourteen—Capt Skinner-five—Nathl Kingsley Esqr -seven—Ebenr Jenkins Esqr -three—John Bacon Esqr three Votes———

At a Legal Town Meeting Apl 26th—Instant—Drew for Petit Juror to serve at May term—Cornlius Bassett Jr ————

At a Legal Annual May meeting on Monday, 9th of May A D—1785

1st Chose Lt Joshua Wells Moderator—2d Voted to send a Representative to the Genl Court the present year —— ——

3d Made Choice of Ebenr Jenkens Esqr —to represent the Town in the great & Genl Court the present year—4th Voted to raise forty pounds to hire Schooling—5th Chose Esqr Jenkens-Amos Mansfield, Lieut Wells, Ozias Strong Capt Yale, Capt Crocker, Deacon West Esqr Ingersoll, School Agents. 6th Question moved to see if the Town will divide in five Districts—passed in the Negative ——— ———

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7th Question put to see if the Town will Choose a Committee to divide The Town into Districts—passed in the Negative——— ——

8th Voted to Choose a Committee of three Men to settle with the Committee that built the Meeting House—9th Chose Deacn Bradley, Caleb Walker, & Esqr Jenkens a Committee for the purpose before Mentioned—10th Voted that Nathan Ball shall deliver the Bond he has in Keeping, Concerning building the Meeting House—into the Hand of the above Committee—11th Voted that the Meeting House Committee be desired to Defer any alteration in the inside The Meeting House, or selling the Pew Next the pulpit Stairs till a Settlement be made between said Committee and Town

12th Voted to divide the Militia of this Town into two Companies.——

13th Voted to Choose a Committee to Divide the Militia in town as above Mentioned—14th Voted that the Selectmen & Militia Officers now in office be and hereby are appointed to Divide the Militia above said.—15th Voted to Choose a Committee to Meet the County Convention in Pittsfield in order to determine the place for holding Courts in this County—16th Chose Amos Mansfield & Deacn Bradley for the above Committee

17th adjourned to Wednesday 18th Instant -———

Wednesday May 18th 1785—The Town met according to adjournment.—18th The Town having considered the report of Dn Bradley & Others who were chosen to settle with the Meeting House Committee Question put to see whether the Town accept of the Meeting House and will give up the Bond to the foresaid Committee, by which they were holden to build The Meeting House, allowing said Committee the Priviedge of Selling pew Spots according to the first agreement between said Committee & the Town passed in the affirmative —— ——

19th Voted [to] take of the Meeting house Committee the Pew next The pulpit Stairs, and the gang way leading into the West Porch in the Meeting house, at eighteen pounds —— ——

20th Question put to see if the Town will reconsider the 12th Vote of this Meeting—passed in the Negative —— ——

21st Voted that the town be Divided into two Militia Companies by a Line runing from Stockbridge Line upon the Hopland Line to the Road by Mr Howks then in the middel of the road Easterly to Benja Backus, taking all on the North of said Line to the North Company—and contains 112 Men—South Company takes all on the Road East of Benja Backus's to Becket Line, and takes all not included in the North Com'any, and contains 113 Men.

22d Voted that Esqr Jenkens & Jos Crocker have Liberty to improve the pew next the pulpit Stairs (they paying customary Rent) till the town shall Need the pew for other use—23d Dissolved the Meeting —— ——

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At a Town Meeting Legally warned and held on the 2d Day of June—1785 Chose Joshua Wells Moderator —— ——

1 Question put to see if the Town will purchase the whole of the Meeting House, passed in the Negative—2d Question put to see if the Town will raise 60 £. for finshing the Meeting House.—passed in the Negative,—3d Motioned to raise 50 £. Voted in the Negative. —— ——

4th Voted to raise 18£. to pay for a pew and pew spot —— ——

5th Motioned to raise Money to Glaze the Meeting house—Voted in the Negative—6th Voted not to alter the School Districts. —— ——

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Sept.r 27th At a Legal Meeting—Voted to chuse Deacon Jesse Bradley Moderator—2d Voted that Wm Dillingham be Town Clerk the present Day—3d to raise fifty Pounds for Glazing the Meeting [House] and Building Seats in the same—4th to chuse a Committee to see to the disposing of the above Money—5th Maide choice of Joshua Wells, Capt Yale and Elisha freeman for the above Committee—6th Voted to raise Twenty Pounds for repairing the Bridge over the River by the Meeting House—8th to Chuse a Committee to lay out the above Money for repairing the Bridge—9th Made Choice of Capt.n Backus, Capt.n Yale, and Capt Bradley for the said Committee—10th to give three Shillings ℔r Day for Labour at repairing the Bridge—11th Dissolved the Meeting —— ——

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At a Town Meeting on Monday the 30th of October 1785 ——

1 Qnestion put to see if the town would have the Committee apply to Mr Lord to preach with us a certain tirm of time longer. Passed in the Affirmative.—2d Motioned to choose a Committeee to Look Into the affair in dispute between Mr James Penover & Mr Burghart of Barrington Concerning sd Burghart's being over taxed (as he says in this Town, and to Submit the Matter to indifferent men, or settle it other ways as the Committee may think best–Passed in the affirmative–3d Chose Capt Josiah Yale & Lt Wells a Committee for the purpose last mentioned. 4th Drew for a Petit Juror Capt Phinehas Fish to serve at the next inferior Court

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Thursday Novr 17th 1785—At Legal Town Meeting Chose Deacon Jesse Bradley Moderator—2d Motioned to see Whether the Committee for procuring preaching Shall apply to Mr Lord to preach with us any longer–on Which the House was equally Divided—3d Voted to choose a Committee to look into, and adjust Matter with regard to a former forrage Rate see What Job Hamblin and John Nye former Constables, have in their hands collected of the Town's or individuals Money or Property—4th chose Seth Backus and Joshua Wells for the above Committee ——

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Monday Decr 26th 1785 at a Legal Town Meeting, made Choice of Lt Joshua Wells Moderator—Voted to pass over the second article in the Warrant, concerning Eleazer West,—Voted the article concerning the Widow Handy be refered to the Select Men for them to provide for her as they shall think best

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Tuesday Jan. 24th 1786 Drew Leml Crocker for Petit Juror.

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Monday March 13th 1786—At a Legal Annual Town Meeting, Chose Lt Joshua Wells–Moderator—

(refused) Seth Backus,
Lt Joshua Wells, } Select
Captn David Porter, } Men
Captn Jesse Bradley,

Chose Nathan Dillingham Town Clerk

Motioned to chuse Assessors—Vote passed in the Negative —— ——

Seth Backus refusing to serve as Select Man, the Town made choice of Captn Jesse Bradley for Select Man, in Backus's stead.

Chose Captn Josiah Yale—Constable—who undertook to serve as Constable for the Consideration of five pounds on the Hundred, on the taxes he shall collect;—and Caleb Walker and Sylvenus Dimmuck became sureties for the payment of all Taxes into the Treasuries Which the said Yale shall Collect. —— ——

Chose John Nye—Grand Juror —— ——

Elisha Freeman, Hope Davis, [wardens ?] }
David Ingersoll, Job Hamblin, Tythingmen } Sworn ——

Sworn { David Ingersoll, Abiathar Chadwick, Cornelius Bassett Senr
Saml Porter, Amos Mansfield, Levi Nye, Ebenezer West,
Calab Walker, James Tuttle, Phinehas Fish. } Surveyors of highways

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be Collectors of Money raised to repair Roads

Nathan Dillingham Sealor of Weights & measures

Saml Standley, Sealor of Leather

Wm Ingersoll Esqr Lt Jos Crocker, Seth Backus, Fence Viewers } Sworn—

Hogreaves Abithar Chadwick, Elisha Martindale, Timo Burden, Amos Mansfield, Eleazer West, Job Hamblin, } Sworn

Nathl Bassett Pound Keeper, } Sworn

Saml Porter, Esqr Ingersoll, & Leml Crocker, Surveyors of Lumber } Sworn

Hope Davis Wood Corder } Sworn

Voted to raise two hundred Pounds to repair High ways ——

Voted that those who work on the Roads Shall be allowed four [shillings] ℔r Day till the first of September then 3/ till the first of October, and 1/6 ℔r Day after wards.

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Vote put to see if the Town will Supply the Pulpit—passed in affirmative
Voted to apply to Mr Warren to preach to us
Voted to raise fifty Pounds to hire Preaching — ——
Voted to choose a Committee to Supply the Pulpit—and Chose Captn Josiah Yale, Lt Joshua Wells, & Oliver West For sd Committee—Vote call to see if the Town will purchase the Land that was bought for Mr Parmelee-passed in the Negative—Voted to accept a Road from Winegar's Mill to the County Road—Voted that The Select Men be a Committee to Look into and adjust the affair of John frise & John Hoxie concerning their being over rated ———
Voted that The Select Men be a Committee to view the circumstances of Oliver West and Job Hamblin with regard to Roads through their farms, and to act Thereon according to the best of their Judgment—and report to the Next Town Meeting—Dissolved

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At a Legal Town Meeting—Monday, April 3d 1786
Votes brought in for a Governor were for James Bodwine 13 Votes John Hancock 4 Votes—Lieut Governor, for Thomas Cushing Esqr 16 Votes—Senators-for Jahaleel Woodbridge Esqr 12 Votes, John Bacon 3 Votes, Nathl Kingsley Esqr 4 Votes Esqr Skinner 9 Votes—Ebenr Jenkens Esqr 1 Vote ———

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At a Legal Town Meeting Monday April 3d 1786 ———
Chose Lt Joshua Wells Moderator—Vote put to see if the Town will raise Money for Schooling—passed in the Negative—Voted that Daniel Willcox shall Sweep the floor and shut the Doors of the Meeting House one year, and be paid ten Shillings There for.—Voted that Deacon Oliver West shall be paid ten Pounds provided that he agrees that the Road Westward of his land to a Cross-Road leading to Jonathan foot Jur's shall be Discontinued
Voted that the road last above said—be & hereby is discontinued.
Voted—that the Select Men shall lay a Road from Deacon West's across Job Hamlin's Land, and allow said Hamlin What Money The Select Men shall Judge sd Hamlin aught to have for Damage ——
Dissolved the Meeting —

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Monday May 8th 1786—At a Legal Town Meeting ——
Made Choice of Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr to represent this Town in General Court the year ensuing—Same Day as above—Chose Lt Joshua Wells Moderator—Voted to pass over the Article in the Warrant specting abaiting taxes—Voted that The town Meeting shall be Warned by setting up Notifications at the Meeting house & at Mansfield's & Lee's Mills, two Publick Days before the Town Meeting that is to be Warned
Dissolved the Meeting

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At a Legal Town Meeting, May 18th 1786 ——

Chose Lt Joshua Wells Moderator—Voted that the Town Think it best to take some Method to get redress or abatement of taxes——Voted that the Town will appoint a Committee to View the Town and return an account of its Circumstance to the General Court in Order for an abatement of Taxes—Chose the following Men for said Purpose—John Bacon Esqr of Stockbridge Mr William Lusk of Richmont—Col Elisha Dwight of Gt Barrington Voted to reconsider the former Votes respecting the Committee Last afore said.—Voted to Send a Petition to the Genl Court for abatement of Taxes.—Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to Draw the Petition afore said, and Chose the following Men for that Purpose viz. Ebr Jenkens Esqr Amos Mansfield, Dr Jesse Bradley. Chose Wm Ingersoll Esqr in addition to the former Committee—Voted to Chose a Committee of three Men to look into the affair of Simon Calkins's respecting taxes that he has Collected in the Town of Lee—

Chose Amos Mansfield, Prince West, and Capt Josiah Yale, for the above Committee ——

Voted that the Representative of this Town be, and hereby is Desired to attend at the first setting of the Genl Court ——

Voted to refer to the Select Men, an account of Amos Mansfield for his building a Bridge over Housatonock River—Voted to refer to the Select Men the affair of abner West's Rates—Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Next friday at three OClock afternoon to meet at the Meeting House—

At a Legal Town Meeting friday May 26th 1786—the Town Met according to adjournment

Voted that the Select Men Shall Make such remittances on the Forrage Rate, so called, as they Shall think proper ——

Dissolved the Meeting

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Taken up by Thomas Crocker two Stray Horses—one a horse Valued at eight pounds the other a Mare valued at eight pounds both being apprized by indifferent Men Advertized as the Law Directs— —

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At a Legal Town Meeting Friday July 14th 1786

Motioned to send [to] Mr Haskel to Come & preach with us No Vote—adjourned the Meeting—to next Tuesday being the 18th of July Inst at 5 O Clock P M —— —— ——

Tuesday July 18th 1786—the town met according to adjornment—Voted that the Committee for supplying the Pulpit be and hereby are Desired to apply to Dr Beebee to Supply the town as long as he conveniently can at present

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 31st of July Inst ——

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Monday July 31st 1786—The Town met according to adjournment
On Motion,—Voted that the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit are hereby directed to apply to Mr Haskel to preach to us While he conveniently can this Summer—Dissolved

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At a Legal Town Meeting Augt 28th 1786 ——— — —
Chose Lt Joshua Wells Moderator—Question put to see if the [town] Will act on a Letter from the town of Partridgefield respecting a County Convention—Voted in the affirmative—Voted to Choose three Delegates to attend a County convention to holding on the 5th of September next——Chose Amos Mansfield, Prince West and Joshua Wells as Delegates afore said—adjourn the Meeting to Sepr 1st — ——— Sepr 1st The Town met according to adjournment and Gave approbation to the Instruction Drawn up by the Last Mentioned Committee for the Delegates Who are to attend The County Convention——Drew Stephen Tobey for a petit Juror to attend the Next inferior Court—Dissolved the Meeting—

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September 8th 1786——Town Meeting — — —
Chose Capt Seth Backus to serve as Grand Juror at the next Supreme Court—and Drew David Stevens to serve as Petit Juror at the Same Court ——

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At a Legal Town Meeting Sepr 21st 1786 —— ——
Chose Deacon Jesse Bradley Moderator—Voted to Continue The former Line that Divided the Town into two Militia Companies from Benjamin Backus's, easterly, in the Middle of the Road to Becket Line; taking all upon the North of Said Division Line to the North Company and all upon the South, to the [South] Company [see May 1785–for the begining of the aforesaid Line]

[Note.—The words in the last brackets are in the original record.]

The Question being put to see Whether the Town will prefer Dr Beebee or Mr Haskel—there appeared 56 in favor of Dr Beebee and 23 for Mr Haskel—on the Question being put to see if the Town Choses that our Representative attend The next sitting of the General Court—Voted in the affirmative—Voted to chose a Committee to take into consideration the doings of the late County Convention and to Draw us instructions for our representative, to be laid before the Town ———
Chose Amos Mansfield, Lt Joshua Wells Prince West David Stevens, Dn Jesse Bradley for the above Committee —— —
Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to 3 o'C lock this afternoon ——

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Sepr 21st 1786—The town Met according to adjournment—and Voted that the Instructions drawn up for the Representative be accepted and put into the form of a Petition to be laid before the General Court at their next Sitting —— ——

Dissolved the Meeting

Wednesday Novr 1st 1786—At a Legal Town Meeting—

Voted to send Deacon Jesse Bradley as a Delegate to the County Convention to be holden at Pittsfield on Monday the 6th of Novr Instt.—Voted the Committee be and hereby are directed to apply to Mr Beebee to preach with us a Spell longer

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At a Legal Town Meeting Novr 20th 1786——

Chose Wm Ingersoll Esqr Moderator On being informed that a Petition In conformity to the Doings of a late County Convention is soon to be laid before each Town in this County for their approbation and to present to the Genl Court—Voted to pass over the Article in the Warrant respecting the Doings of sd Convention—Voted that the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit be and Hereby are Directed to apply to Mr Haskel to [preach] to us four Sabbaths to Come — Dissolved the Meeting

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At a Legal Town Meeting January, 29th 1787 ——

Chose Dn Jesse Bradley Moderator—Accepted & approved of the Doings of our late Convention—Question put Whether our Representive Shall attend the Genl Court the present Session—passed in the Negative

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Friday the 2d of february next to Meet at the Meeting [House]—at 2 o'clock P. M ——

Friday Feb. 2d 1787.—The Town Met according to adjournment

Voted not to send a Representative to Court the present Session

Dissolved the Meeting

At a Legal Town Meeting, Monday March 5th 1787 ——

No business Done this Day in Town Meeting — —

At a Legal Annual Town Meeting March 27th 1787 ——

Chose David Stevens Moderator, Chose Nathan Dillingham Town Clerk—Nathan Ball, Seth Backus, Prince West, } Select Men } Ebenezer Jenk-

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ens Esqr David Stevens, Levi Nye, } Assessors,—Capt Josiah Yale Town Treasurer,

Voted Elisha Martindale Constable who undertook to serve Constable the ensuing year for the Consideration of five Pounds on the Hundred.—Chose Aaron Benedict, Thomas Becher, Cornelius Bassett Senr { Wardens } Sworn———

Samuel Porter, John Crosby, { Tything Men } Sworn.

Ashbel Lee, Samuel Standley, Wm Ingersoll Esqr, Capt Joshua Wells Jesse Gifford, Jared Bradley } Surveyors of Roads Sworn———

Voted to raise one hundred and fifty Pounds to repair highways, and that those who work on the Roads Shall be allowed the Same Wages that was allowed in this Town the last year

Voted the above Surveyor [s] Shall collect the Money to be raised to repair Roads, and to lay out the same in repairing said Roads

Chose Samuel Standley Leather Sealor.—George Bennet, Ebr West, Elijah West, Abiar Chadwick { Fence Viewers } Lt Caleb Walker, Prince West, Lt. Jos Crocker, Eli Bradley, Ichabod Backus { Hog reaves } Nathan Ball, Surveyor of Lumber.—Samuel Standley Ju Wood Corder, Nathan Dillingham, Sealor Wts & Measures { Sworn }

Chose Capt Joshua Wells & Ebr Jenkens Esqr as a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer & report to the next Meeting ——

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 2d Day of April to Meet at the Meeting House at 3 o'Clock afternoon ——

Monday Apl 2d the Town met according to adjournment—and Voted to accept of a Road by Samuel Standley's and a Road by the Widow Gibbs's House, for the particulars of see the Survey Bills—Voted to excuse Dr Gidn Thompson from serving as the Surveyor of Roads,—and Chose Peter Willcox to serve as Surveyor of highways—Voted to Excuse Elisha Martindale from Serveing as Constable-and Chose Caleb Walker to serve as Constable the year ensuing-and Elisha Martindale & Ephriam Hollister became sureties to the Town in behalf of sd Walker for the faithful Discharge of his trust as Constable for the Town of Lee the ensuing year —— Dissolved the Meeting

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At a Legal Town Meeting April 2d 1787—Votes brought in for Governor—Were as follows viz—For John Hancock Esqr 36 Votes—For James Bowdwine Esqr 2 Votes———Votes for Lt Govr were as follows Thomas Cushing Esqr 24 Votes—Benja Lincoln Esqr 13 Votes——for Senators—Thomas Skinner Esqr 38 Votes—Wm Walker Esqr 39 Votes—Wm Ingersoll Esqr 1 Vote—Capt Joshua Wells 1 Vote—Wm Whiting Esqr 1 Vote

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Chose Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr Moderator.——

Voted to leave the Care and supporting of this Town at the Discression of the Select Men—Voted that Town Meetings Shall be warned in future By setting up Notifications in the same manner as was Practised in the year 1786—Dissolved

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Account of Persons belonging to the Town of Lee that took the Oath of Allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts previous to the 21st of March 1787——coram Eli Root Esqr at Pittsfield; his return Dated Ap^{l} 14th 1787—Nathaniel Blasdet, or Blazedel, Gun given up, David Tyler—Gun given up, Solomon foot, Gun given up, Joseph Crocker, Elisha Herrick, Horatio Strong, Daniel Church, David foot.——

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At a Legal Town Meeting Monday May 14th 1787 —— ——

Chose Wm Ingersoll Esqr Moderator—Chose Capt Josiah Yale to represent the Town the present year in the Genral Court ——

Voted that the Town will raise fifty pounds for Supplying the Pulpit the present year—Chose Capt Josiah Yale, Deacon Jesse Bradley, & Lt Daniel Church, a Committee to procure preaching for the Town the present year—Voted that the Select Men be and they hereby are Desired to make a Settlement in behalf of the Town with Capt Crocker Mr Willcox and Capt Yale as Constables; and to Settle With Capt Josiah Yale as Town Treasurer, and to report to the next Town Meeting—Made Choice of Capt Joshua Wells, Samuel Stanley & Nathan Dillingham as a Committee to examine accounts brought against the Town, and make report of their Doing at the next Town Meeting.—Voted that the Town will and do Hereby refer to indifferent Men the Matter in dispute Concerning two Roads leading from Dr Oliver West's into the Coanty Road

Voted and agreed mutualy with Mr Job Hamblin, that Capt Joshua Wells, Dr Jesse Bradley, and Mr Samuel Stanley be the Men to attend to the Business last above said Which Men are to apprize or assess the Damage Mr Hamlin may sustain by those two Roads being laid through his land.—Voted that Dr West, Dr Bradley, Capt Wells, Wm Ingersoll Esqr & Mr Stanley be a Committee to select out (in behalf of the Town) such Men from the List returned this Day by the Select Men, as they Shall think best qualified for Jurymen, and report to the Next Town Meeting—Voted Mr Hope Davis be, and he hereby is appointed to take care of, and sweep, the Meeting House one year from this Date and that he shall be paid therefor twenty four Shillings.——Dissolved the Meeting

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At a Town Meeting August 21st 1787—Drew Eli Bradley to serve as Petit Juror at the next inferior Court. —— ——

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At a Legal Town Meeting Sepr 1787— 1st Chose Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr Moderator—2d Chose Joshua Wells Clerk for the Day —— —

3d Question put to see whether the Town will direct the Committee to send for Mr Mills—passed in the affirmative —— ——

4th Voted the Committee be, and they hereby are directed to use their endeavors that the Pulpit be Supply'd —— ——

5th Past over the third Article in the Warrant—6th Voted to give Mr Job Hamlin three pounds seven shillings as a Consideration for Damage he sustains by Roads runing thro' his Land.——

7th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to tuesday the 25th of Sepr Inst at one O'Clock afternoon —— — —

Sepr 25th of Sepr 1787—The Town met according to adjournment.——

8th Voted to accept of a Report of a Committee appointed to examine accounts brought against the Town — —

9th Voted to give Joshua Wells two pounds for his Cost in Carrying on the Case with Ebenezer West to secure his Taxes —— —

10th Voted to direct the Committee, and they hereby are directed to apply to Mr White to Supply the Pulpit as long as they can Obtain him —

11th Voted to raise twenty pounds in addition to a Sum formerly raised to pay a Forrage Rate and which was put into Capt Crocker's hands to Collect — — —

12th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 16th of Octr next at two o'clock afternoon——— ———

Octr 16th 1787.———The Town Met according to adjournment ———

Voted unanimously that the Committee be and they hereby are directed to apply to Mr White to Supply the Pulpit as long as he can be obtained—

Dissolved the Meeting

At a Legal Town Meeting November 30th 1787—Voted to send a Delagate to attend the Convention to sit in Boston on the second Wednesday of January next, to consider of the New Constitution, Made Choice of Dean Jesse Bradley as a Delegate to attend the Convention as above. —

Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator—Voted that the Town will unite with the Church in giving Mr Calvin White a Call to settle in the work of the Ministry in this Town—Voted that the Select Men be and they hereby are directed to examine what are Called Desperate Rates and lay a List of them before the Town at the next Town Meeting for Consideration—Voted accept a Road leading from Eli Bradley's to Benja Smith's as ℔ Minutes—Voted to Except a Road leading by John Percival's and Elisha Crocker's, as ℔ Minutes.—Chose Dn Jesse Bradley, Lt Joshua Wells, Lt Levi Nye as a Committee to agree with Mr Peter Willcox Concerning the Land on Which the Meeting House Stands and to report to the Next Meeting —— ——

Dissolved the Meeting

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January 2d 1788—At a Legal Town Meeting —— ——

Chose Dr Jesse Bradley Moderator—Voted to give our Delagate Chosen to attend the State Convention to take into consideration the New Constitution no Written Instructions—3d Voted to bate or remit the following Taxes—In State Tax No 2 in Peter Willcox's Hands to Collect–David Dimmuck Jur —0–9–0—In Continental tax No 2 in same Hands—Wido King—0–15–9—Solo Reynolds—1–14–9 —— ——

£ s d

Ebr Swift—1–0–10 all the Taxes against Nathan Campbel—1–14–9—in Willcox's Bills—5–17–11

Saml Hilliard—0–16–10—Roswell Hubbart—0–16–1 —— ——

£ 3–9–0 —— ——

4th Voted to adjourn till to Morrow—to meet at Noon at the Meeting House —— ——

January 3d 1788—The Town met according to adjournment and remitted the following Taxes–viz– In State Tax No 3 in Willcox's Hands —

	£ s d
Roswell Hubbart	0–2–5

Minister Tax in same Hands

David Stevens — —	0—7–2
Elisha Martindale ——	1–10–1
Joseph Jones — —	0—3–4
School Rates of Do	
Charles Avery — —	0—3–6
William Bowers — —	0—1–9
£.	2—8–3

In Thos. Crocker's Bills for Glazing Meeting House

Charles Avery — — —	0–1–0
Noah Burden— — —	0–2–0
Timo Burden — — —	0–1–0
Jno Hoose — — — —	0–8–2
Jno frieze — — —	0–6–0
Jno Howk — ——	0–9–0
Jos Mansfield— — —	0–1–0
David Stevens— — —	0–7–2
	1–15–4

Mistake in Levi Chase and others— — —	0-18--0

On Parish Tax for Preaching —in Thos Crockers Hands

Charles Avery — —	0--5--4
Noah Crocker — — —	0--7--7
Moses Northrop — —	0--3-10
£.	1-14--9

On Taxes for Work on Meeting House—in Crocker's Hands

Charles Avery — —	0-1-10
David Dimmuck Jur —	0–1--1
Justus Burden — —	0–0--6
£.	0–3--5

On State Tax No 5 in Capt Yales Hands

Charles Avery — —	1-10-8
Charles Avery Jur — —	1--6-8
George Chanter — —	1--5-0
Eleazer Hayward—— —	1-14-8
Joseph Mansfield —	1--5-0
Joseph Strong — ——	1--5-0
David Thayler — —	1--5-0
Davis Williams— — —	1--5-0
Frederick Avery — —	1--6-8
£.	12--3-8

Town Tax in same Hands

Charles Avery	0–2--4
Charles Avery Jur ——	0-1-11
Jno Clark — — —	0–1--9
David Dimmuck— — —	0–1--9
Sylvs Gifford — —	0–4--8
Eleazer Howard— — —	0–2--8
Jos Jones —— —	0–1--9
Jos Mansfield — —	0–1--9
Jos Strong — —	0–1--9
David Thayler — —	0–1--9
Danl Webster — —	0–1--9
Frederick Avery — ——	0-1-11
David Stevens —	0–9--4
£.	1–15--1

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TAXES REMITTED IN 1788

County Tax	
Charles Avery	0-1-3
Charles Avery Jur	0-1-1
Jno Clark	0-1-0
Eleazer Howard	0-1-6
Jos Mansfield	0-1-1
James finney	0-1-1
Jos Strong	0-1-0
Danl Webster	0-1-0
Davis Williams	0-1-0
Frederick Avery	0-1-1
	0-11-6

On Capt Crocker's Bill for Glazing the Meeting House	
Charles Avery	0-2-8
Geo Chanter	0-5-7
William Chanter	0-5-3
Sylvs Gifford	0-3-0
John Stevens	0-4-6
Matt V Duzer	1-1-9
Jre Vallet	0-8-0
	2-10-9

January 28th 1788—Drew Fenner foot to serve as Petit Juror at the Next Court of Common Pleas &c ——

Monday February 11th 1788

Chose Wm Ingersoll Esqr Moderator—Question put to see whether the Town Would chose to have Mr Collins preach with us a Number of Sabbaths next Coming with a view of Settling him with us—Passed in the affirmative.

Voted that the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit be, and they hereby are directed to apply to Mr Collins for the above purpose ——

Dissolved the Meeting

At an annual March Meeting Thursday the 20th of March 1788

1st Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr Moderator—2d Voted to pass over the first Article in the Warrant for the Present.—3d Chose Seth Backus, Nathan Ball, and Prince West Select Men.—4th Chose Nathan Dillingham Town Clerk—5th Chose Capt Josiah Yale Town Treasurer ——

6th Question put to see if the Town will chuse assessors ex[c]lusive of The Select Men passed in the Negative—7th Question put to see if the Town will unite with the Church in giving Mr Collins a Call to settle with us—passed in the affirmative—8th Chose Capt Josiah Yale, Elisha Freeman, & Dn Oliver West a Committee to Draw up proposals to make Mr Collins—which proposals are to be Laid before the Town at the Next Town Meeting for Consideration ——— ——

9th Chose Samuel Porter Constable, who undertook to Collect Taxes for the ensuing year for five pound five Shillings on the Hundred } Sworn

10th Chose Isaac Davis, Jonathan foot Jur & Daniel Willcox, Wardens

11th Job Hamblin, James Penoyer } Tything Men }

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12th Sworn { William Whitney, Jedediah Crocker, Seth Backus, andrew west, Benjn Smith, Levi Nye, Mathew Vanduser, John Nye, } Surveyors of Roads

13th Voted to raise one Hundred and fifty Pounds to repair High Ways the present year—to be wrought out at the Rate of four Shillings a Day from the first of May to the First Day of October—and at 2/3 a Day after that time ——— ——

14th Voted that the above Surveyors be Collectors of the above Money

15th Samuel Stanley Sealor of Leather { 16th Asahal Dodge Benjn Stevens Thomas Crocker Ashbel Lee { Fence Viewers }

17th Nathan Ball Surveyor of Lumber { Sworn—18th Seth Backus Wood Corder { Sworn } 19th Nathan Dillingham [Sealer] of Weights & Measures

20th Chose Captn Jesse Bradley, Captn Joshua Wells & Captn David Porter as a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer—and report to the Town at next March Meeting ———

21st Theophilus Mansfield, Lewis Hatch Oliver Collins, Sylvenus Dimmuck, Elisha Martindale, { Hogreeves } 22d Voted to remit The follow- Rates as Desperate viz-on John Nye's Bills

Abner West	-	£. 0-1-6	Silver Money
Do	— —	0-4-1	Do Do
		0-5-7	
Do	— —	5-3-0	Continental Money
Ebenezer Swift		£. 32-3-0	Continental Money

on Job Hamlin's Bills

Continental Money

Moses Hopkins —	34-0-7 ¾
William Carpenter —	30-9-8 ¼
Ebenezer Handy —	10-0-0
	£. 74-10-4

The above
Brought into Silver at 6/ for 20 £. is 1-2-6

Silver Money

—— Mix	0-4-2
Culver	0-4-2
Ebr Handy	0-5—
old Howard	0-5—
Total of Hamlin's — —	£. 2-0-10

23d Chose Dn Jesse Bradley, Prince West and Levi Nye a Committee to attend to Mathew Vanduser's Tax on Captn Yale's Bill and to report to the Town What part of said Tax should be remitted—24th Voted to

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raise thirty pounds to Defray town Charges—25th Voted to discontinue the old former Road From Ebenezer Swift's to Daniel West's and the Land given up to those Who formerly owned it—26th Voted that the Town Meetings be Warned in they manner they were Warned the Last year ——— ——

Chose Levi Nye Grand Juror for the year ensuing —— ——

Dissolved the Meeting

At a Legal annual April Meeting on Monday April 7th 1788 ——

The Town brought in Votes for Governor as follows—viz—

for John Hancock Esqr 40 Votes—Elbridge Gerry Esqr 25 Votes—

Votes for Lieut Governor for Elbridge Gerry Esqr 34 Votes—Nathanl Gorham Esqr 14 Votes Benja Lincoln Esqr 10 Votes Samuel Adams Esqr 1

For Senators		Total
William Whiting Esqr	51—2	53
Elijah Dwight Esqr	6—4	10
Thomas J Skinner Esqr	5-12	17
William Walker Esqr	1—	1
John Bacon Esqr	7—	7
William Williams Esqr	42—	42

Voted to pass over the third article in the Warrant for the present

Voted to pass over the fourth article in the Warrant—Voted to give up to Dr Jesse Bradley, Jonathan foot Jur Levi Nye & George Bennet the Cost that was made against them (being 54/ to each) on a suit Commenced to Collect their fines for not serving as Constables in the year 1782

Voted that the Town Treasurer be, and hereby is directed to Collect all Monies due to the Town within one Month from this Day (excepting What is in Caleb Walker's hands to Collect—Voted to pass over the Sixth Article in the Warrant—Voted to accept a Road leading from the Road [which] runs from Esqr Ingersoll's to Stockbridge—Voted to accept a Road from Abiathar Chadwick's Land thro' Randal's Land to Lenox Line.

Voted to accept a Road leading from Enoch Garfield's to Eleazer West's and to the County Road—Voted to discontinue a piece of old Road laid some years ago leading from John Percival's by Elisha Crocker's

Voted allow the Assessors for the year 1787-four Shillings ℔ Day for their Service—3 Men, 5 Days at 4/— is — £. 3-0-0

Voted to grant to Mathew Vanduser fifty Shillings on account of Cost made against him Collecting a fine from him. —— ——

Voted to raise twenty pounds to Defray Town Charges ——

Voted to remit two Taxes against Elisha Cole now in Caleb Walker's Hand's to Collect —— ——

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At the Annual May Meeting—May 7th 1788 —— ——

Chose Ebenezer Jenkens Moderator—Chose Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr to represent the Town in the General Court the ensuing year

Voted that it is the Desire of the Town that the aforesaid Jenken's attend the General Court the Next session so long as he shall think Necessary.

Voted to pass over the third Article in the Warrant—Voted to raise fifty Pounds to hire preaching the Present year.—Chose Capt Josiah Yale, Lt Daniel Church and Mr Nathan Ball a Committee to dispose of the above Mentioned fifty Pounds in Supplying the Pulpit. ———

Voted that Peter Willcox be, and he hereby is directed to apply to the‡ Town Treasurer for the Allowance of an Order Drawn on a former Town Treasurer in favor Said Willcox—Voted to remit the following Taxes as desperate in the Hands of Caleb Walker to Collect-viz

against John Clark	£. 0—5—2	John Ellis	£. 0—5—2
Justus Burden	3—9	Jona West	5—6
Jonathan Church	16—6	Cornel Gifford	5—2

Dissolved the Meeting

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At a Legal Town Meeting June 2d 1788 —— ——

Chose Prince West Moderator—Chose Capt Joshua Wells Capt Josiah Yale, John Nye, Ashbel Lee & Ephraim Hollester a Committee to look into the Matter of Simon Calkin's & Moses Ingersoll's Rate Bills, Which said Calkins's Bills were afterwards put into the Hands of Peter Willcox to Collect——Said Committee after Considering the matter are to report to the Next Town Meeting——Chose William Ingersoll Esqr Deacon Oliver West & Levi Nye a Committee to attend to a proposal Made for laying a Road from Samuel Chadwick's to Jos Nickols and to report to our next adjourned Meeting———And then Voted that the Select Men be,and they hereby are directed to attend to Capt Wells's accounts which he has against the Town, and see what Interest and Cost ought to be allowed him—and report to our next adjourned Meeting—Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday June 16th at two o'Clock afternoon—then to meet at this place ———

Monday, June 16th 1788——The town met according to adjournment——

Voted that the Select Men be and they hereby are desired to lay a road from Saml Chadwick's to Jos Nickol's, Voted to Chose an Agent to prosecut the Matter Depending between this Town & Simon Calkins a defective Collector—which agent is to use his utmost Endeavours to secure this Town with regard to the Tax-Bills formerly put into said

‡Gave Peter Willcox an order for three Pounds on this Vote. Nov. 13, 1795.
[Above note in writing of Nathan Dillingham, Treasurer in 1795.]

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Calkins's hands to collect; the agent chosen shall at the Expence of the Town, atteach the Body or Goods of said Calkins or use any other Lawful means he may think proper. Chose Capt Josiah Yale, Agent as above ———

Accepted a Road leading from Reuben Pixleys Northward. ——

Dissolved the Meeting

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Friday August 1st 1788—At a Legal Town Meeting —— ———

Chose William Ingersoll Esqr Moderator—Chose William Ingersoll Esqr Lt Levi Nye, Dn Oliver West—as a Committee to View the Bridges on the great River in Town, and Make computation of what they shall judge ought to be done on said Bridges, together with the Cost that may arise thereon—and report to the Town as soon as they conveniently can

Dissolved the Meeting

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Monday Sepr 8th 1788—1st Chose Capt Joshua Wells Moderator ——

2d Voted to pass over the first Articl in the Warrant for the present ——

3d The Committee chosen on the first of August last to view certain Bridges in this Town—Reported that the middle Bridge between Esqr Ingersoll's & Reuben Pixleys ought to be built New, and the Cost thereof would be thirty Pounds—Voted not to concur with the above report—

4thly Voted to pass over the fourth Article in the Warrant ———

5ly Voted that the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit be, & they are directed to apply to Mr Holt to preach with us two or three Sabbaths after his present Engagement are up.——

6thly Chose Capt Josiah Yale, Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr & Nathan Dillingham a Committee to examine what Rate Bills shall be Laid before them and see What Taxes on Said Bills ought to be remitted ———

7th Question put to se if the Assessors be directed to go to Each ratable Person to take in List——passed in the Negative

Dissolved the Meeting.

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Monday Sepr 29th 1788 —— ——

At a Legal Town Meeting, made choice of Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr Moderator —— ———

Question put to see if the Town will unite with the Church in giving Mr Holt a Call to settle in the Work of the Ministry in this place passed in the affirmative, by a Majority of fifty against one

Voted to offer Mr Holt 80 £. a yearly Sallary and 200 £. Settlement or in Lieu thereof 100 £. Salary ℔ Annum——if the first mentioned Salary & Settlement be accepted by Mr Holt the 200 £. for settlement is to be

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paid Within four years after his settling—paying 50 £. each year—and if he accepts in Lieu thereof the 100 £. Salary it is to be paid in the following manner—viz—for the first year 50 £. at the end of six months and 50 £. at the end of the year, and for every year following 100 £. at the end of the year, Chose William Ingersoll Esqr, Capt Josiah Yale and Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr a Committee to present the above proposals to Mr Holt, in behalf of the Town ———

Chose Capt Joshua Wells Grand Juror Elisha [name omitted] petit Juror, to serve at the Next Supreme Court———

Meeting Dissolved

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At a Legal Town Meeting Jan. 29th 1789 ——

Chose William Ingersoll Esqr Moderator—Voted that the Pulpit-Committee be and they hereby are directed to apply to Mr Miller to preach with us a number of Sabbaths. with a View of Settling—Chose Ebenezer Jenkens, Capt Yale and Nathan Dillingham a Committee to attend to Moses Ingersolls desperate Rates—Voted to remit Elisha Cole his Rate—£ 0—12—10

Dissolved

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Annual March Meeting 1, 1789.————

At a Legal Town Meeting March 1st A D. 1789 —— ——

Chose James Penoyer Grand Juror for the ensuing year——

1 Chose Ebenezer Jnkens Esqr Moderator—2 1 Enoch Garfield Capt Joshua Wells, Capt Jess Bradley, { Selectmen } Sworn

3d Nathan Dillingham Town Clerk———

4th Capt Josiah Yale, Town Treasurer

5th Chose Saml Porter Constable, who undertook to serve and Collect Taxes for the Consideration of three pounds nineteen & sixpence on the Hundred Pound ——

6th Elisha West, Nathaniel Bassett Job Hamblin { Wardens, Sworn }

7th Thomas Becher, Sworn David Ingersoll, Seth Nye { Tythingmen—

8th and then Voted to Divide this Town into four Districts for repairing high Ways—— ——

9th Chose Mathew Vandnser, Capt Josiah Yale, Renben Pixley, Capt Jesse Bradley, a Committee to Divide the Town as mentioned above

10th Voted to raise one hundred and fifty pounds for repairing high ways to be wrought out at the Rate of four shillings a Day from the first Day of May to the first Day of October, and 2/6 a Day after that time

11th Chose Saml Stanley Sealor of Leather, { Sworn —— ——

12th Jedediah Crocker, John Percival, Ben Stevens, Elisha Grant { fence Viewers Sworn }

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13th Sworn Nathan Ball—Surveyor of Lumber —— ——
14th Saml Stanley J. Wood Corder——
15th Nathan Dillingham Sealor Wts & Measures—— ——
16th Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr Mathew Vanduser, Capt Joshua Wells a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer——
17th Abraham Perry Sworn Elisha Ingersoll, Jesse Randle, Jos Nichols Solomon Cole } hogreeves }
18th allowed Nathaniel Bassett 18/ for taking Care of the Meeting house a year, and appointed him to the Same Office again ——
19th Voted to allow Lt Jos Crocker his acct—350 continental Dollars according to the scal of Depreciation in June. 1780 ——
20th Voted to accept a Road leading from Jonathan Foot Junior's to Jonathan Foot Seniors—and to discontinue the old Road lying between the above said Foot giving them the Land in exchange for the new Road
21st Voted to accept a Road from Ashbel Lee's Land to Saml Chadwick—
22d Voted to remit the following Taxes on Capt Yale's Bill—viz—

to Jonathan West	£. 1—0—0	——
Peter Willcox Jr	1—7—9	——

Adjourned this Meeting to the first Monday in April next at one o'Clock afternoon then to meet at this place ——

Monday April 6th the Town met according to adjournment ——
Chose Surveyors of Highways as follows viz—Levi Nye, Sworn } Lt Daniel Church, Heman Hinckley, Dn Jesse Eradley,
Voted that the Select Men be, and they hereby are directed to View the Road that was laid from George Chanters to Winegar's Mill and report to the next meeting their opinion With regard to opening said Road——
Voted to raise thirty pounds in addition to the 150£. already raised to repair roads, which 30£. is to be laid out in repairing the Bridge between Mansfields Mills & Isaac Davis's ——
Chose Capt Enoch Garfield, Archelus Chadwick & John Starns as a Committe to take the Care of building or repairing the above Said Bridge —
Appointed Capt Joshua Wells & Levi Nye, to assist Capt yale in settleing matters betwixt the town & Simon Calkins & Peter Willcox
Adjourned this Meeting to the 1st Wed. in may at 1 o'Clock P M

At a legal Town Meeting, Monday March 16th 1789——
Chose Capt Joshua Wells Moderator—Voted unanimously to give Mr William Miller a Call to settle in the Work of the Ministry with us
Voted use mine reon. [nemine con.] to offer Mr Miller a settlement of 200£. and a yearly Salary of 80£. as long as he may [remain] in the Work of the Ministry With us.—Chose Capt Joshua Wells, Capt Josiah Yale, and Nathan Ball a Committee to Wait on Mr Miller and inform [him] of the proceeding of the Town as above

Dissolved the Meeting

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Annual April Meeting, Apl 6th 1789 — ——

Votes brought in for Governor were as follows viz—for John hanck Esqr 49 Votes——Saml Chadwick-1 Vote—for Lt Governor—Benjamin Lincoln Esqr 28 Votes—Samuel adams Esqr 21 Votes——

for Senators—Elish[a] Dwight Esqr 15 Votes—Thompson J. Skinner Esqr 25 Votes Mr Whiting Esqr 32 Votes Wm Williams Esqr 22 Votes John Bacon Esqr 19 Votes Jesse Randel 1 Vote

Dissolved the Meeting

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March Meeting adjourned—Wednesday May 6th 1789

The Town Met according to adjournment, Opened and adjourned the same Meeting to the eleventh Day of this Month to meet at usal place at one O'Clock afternoon. ———

March Meeting continued—May 11th 1789—The Town met according to adjournment—Chose Nathl Bassett Pound Keeper

Chose Ebr Jenkens Esqr William Ingersoll Esqr & Capt Josiah yale as a Committee to View the circumstances of a Road in dispute, Leading from John Winegar's by Hope Davis's Eastward.

Voted to raise nine pounds to pay Peter Willcox for the Land on which the Meeting House stands, and six pounds to purchase a standard of Weights & Measures and a Town Book, and seventy pounds to hire Preaching— Appointed Capt Josiah Yale to procure a Standard of Weights & Measures and a Town Book

Chose Ebr Jenkens Esqr William Ingersoll Esqr & Capt Joshua Wells a Committee to Supply the Pulpit ———

Voted that hogs have Liberty, in this Town, to run at Large under the Restrickons of the Law—Voted that Ebr Jenkens Esqr & John Nye be a Committee to settle a Matter depending, between Peter Willcox and this Town concerning Rate Bills, shifted from Simon Calkins to said Willcox, Voted to raise thirty pounds to defray sundry Town Charges—

Town Rates remitted on Eleazer West's Bills on a Tax in 1782——

Nathl Backus —	0—4—6	Widow King's Son —	0—4—6
John Mead — —	0—4—6	Saml Hilliard — —	0—4—6
Oliver Cary —	0—4—6	John Goodspeed —	0—4—6
Roswell Hubbard —	0—4—6	Asa Atherton — —	0—4—6
	0—18—0		0—18—0
			—18—0
		Total £.	1—16—0

Voted that the Town Meetings be warned in future by setting up Notifications at the Whipping Post, at Starns's Mill & at Lee's Mill.

Dissolved the Meeting

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May 11th 1789—Votes brought in for Federal Repe ——
for Saml Lyman Esqr 38—for Theodore Sidgwick Esqr 27—John Bacon Esqr 13—Voted not to chuse a Representative to attend General Court the present year ——

At a Legal Town Meeting—July 20th 1789——
Voted that the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit be, and the[y] hereby are directed to apply to Mr Pratt to Preach with us Six Sabbaths More—
Dissolved the Meeting——

At a Legal Town Meeting September 7th 1789
Votes brought in for Register of Deeds were as follows—for Lt John Stroughton 5 Votes for William Willard 34 Votes ——
Voted to accept a Road from the top of the hill east of the Furnace to Washington Line, as pr the Survey Bill—Voted to discontinue an Old Road from the top of the aforesaid Hill through Jos Goodwin's Land to Which it strikes the above mentioned new Road.——
Voted to chuse a Committee to review Sertain List of Taxes called desperate Laid before the Town this Day—Chose Ebr Jenkens Esqr Capt Josiah Yale and Thomas Crocker for the above Committee ——
Voted that the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit be, and they hereby are directed to apply to Mr Pratt to preach with us till the Money that was Voted last March to hire preaching, be all expended ——
Voted that the aforesaid Committee are hereby directed to apply to a Certain Mr Crocker of Newhaven to preach with us, in Case that Mr Pratt will Not preach with us as long as Mentioned above----
Dissolved the Meeting

At a Legal Town Meeting, Monday Jany 4th 1790
Voted that the Select Men be and they hereby are directed to put out Ebr Handy (one of the Town's Poor) to Benj. Brown or some other Man on as good terms as can be obtained.—
Voted to Build a House for Ebr Swift of the following dimensions viz 24 feet long, 14 feet Wide—7½ feet high between joints—Walls to be boarded & 3 Windows 12—6 by 8 squares of glass each—Double floor below—single floor above—1 fire place, 1 oven—Chimney Complete, Bedroom & Butterry to be petitioned, seprated Swined Doors complete, to each Room, underpin'd with Stones: stand on the most convenient place on Ebr Swift's Farm; to be finished by the first of October next. Pay to be in Country produce Capt Joshua Wells undertook to build the above mentioned House for £. 24-14-0

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Voted to raise thirty pounds in Money to replace money that has been taken from What was raised to hire preaching, and to Defray other Town Charges—Voted that the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit be, & they hereby are directed to apply to Mr Lee of Salisbury to come and preach with us

Voted that the following Taxes on Moses Ingersoll's Bills be remitted–viz

Seth Barlow	2- 4-10
Jos Hatch	0- 3- 2
Jona Crowel	2- 3- 2
John Bacon	0-16- 2
Arthington	1- 0- 4
Elisha Goodspeed	0-16- 2
Widow Allen	0-16- 8
John Hoxie	0-16- 2
Elies Church	1-17- 6
Charles Avery	1-15-11
Wido Collins	0- 8- 4
Mathew Reynolds	0-16- 2
Utter's Heirs	0- 8- 4
Henery Wait	0- 3- 0
John Hoxie	0- 7- 3
	£. 14-13- 2

These Taxes to be adjusted liquidated and allowed by Capt Yale as he Shall find they ought in equity to be—

at a Legal Town Meeting January 29th 1790
Chose Capt Joshua Wells Moderator
Voted for Register of Deeds for the Middle District in the County of Berkshire as follows viz–
for William Willard sixteen Votes
Caleb Hyde Jur five Votes
Drew Elisha Crocker for Petit Juror to attend the next County Court
Dissolved the Meeting

At a Legal Town Meeting Monday March 1, 1790

Called March Meeting—Chose Capt Joshua Wells Moderator

Chose Nathan Dillingham Town Clerk

Sworn—Docr Gideon Thompson—Excused—Levi G. Porter— } Sworn
John Nye } Select Men [&] Assessors } Capt Josiah Yale–Town Treasurer
Enoch Garfield—Grand Juror–William Ingersoll Esqr Constable-Sworn

Reuben Pixley—Sylvenus Dimmuck—Cornelius Bassett Jur (Wardens) (Sworn)

Sworn James Tuttle
Sworn John Nye
Sworn Nathan Dillingham
Sworn John Gifford
Sworn Enoch Garfield
William Ingersoll Jr
Sworn Nathan Ball
Sworn Josiah Yale
} Surveyors of Roads

Archelus Chadwick
Samuel Porter
} Tything Men

Daniel Willcox
Elijah Ingersoll
} Fence Viewers

Voted that hogs have Liberty to run at large under the restrictions of the law

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Sworn Fenner foot
Sworn Abiathar Chadwick
Seth Backus
Sworn David Baker
Stephen Leonard
Sworn Enoch Garfield
Sworn Levi Chase
Sworn Aaron Benedict
} Hogreves——

Voted to excuse William Ingersoll Esqr from serving as Constable the present year——Chose Sylvenus Dimmuck Constable, Who undertook to Collect taxes at the Rate of £. 3—12—6–on the hundred. Sworn }

Nathl Bassett—Pound keeper ——

Jedediah Crocker, Stephen Tobey, John Starns, Saml Porter,—Surveyr Lumber { Sworn }

Seth Backus, Jared Bradley, Jonathan West,—Wood Corders { Sworn }

Henry Donnely—Sealer of Leather ——

Nathan Dillingham—Sealer of Weights & Measures ——

Voted that Nathaniel Bassett be allowed twenty Shillings for Sweeping the Meeting House last year —— ——

Voted that the Meeting House shall be swept Once a fortnight in the Summer Season—Six Months—and Once a Month in the Winter Season—Six Months—the House to be kept lock'd except on Public Days, when it Shall be Opened and Shut in Season, The Windows to be kept Shut When the People are out ——

Chose Solomon Cole to Sweep & take Care of the Meeting House as Mentioned above—and he agreed to do the Service for twelve Shillings the ensuing year —— ——

Chose Capt Joshua Wells, Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr Seth Backus a Committee to Settle with the Town Treasurer and report to the Town—alsso to report What Money they may think Will be necessary to raise the present year to defray Town Charges, ——

Voted to choose a Committee to View the great Bridge near the Meeting House and report to the next meeting what they may think necessary to do to said Bridge ——

Chose Esqr Ingersoll Levi Nye and Mathew Vanduser for the above Purpose

Voted to raise £. 150 for repairing Roads—to be worked out at 4/ a Day to the first of October—and 2/6 a Day after that time ——

Adjourned this Meeting to the first Monday in April next—then to meet at this place. ——

Monday Apl 5th 1790—The Town met according to adjournment——

Chose Seth Backus, Prince West, & Nathan Ball as a Committee to Settle with amos Mansfield in behalf of the Town ——

Voted to excuse Levi Porter & D[r.] Gideone Thompson from serving as Select Men ——

Chose Capt Josiah Yale & Nathan Dillingham Select men Sworn——

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Voted that Capt Josiah yale be & he is hereby requested to procure a Standard of Weights & Measures for this Town as Cheap as may be & answer the Law —— ——

Chose Esqr Ingersoll, Levi Nye & Esqr Jenkens as a Committee to give directions What is necessary to be done to the great Bridge and to Vandue the Job of doing it ——

Voted that Ebenezer Handy a poor Child be Supported by Hope Davis, Who agreed to undertake it 26 Weecks to find him Victnals & Cloaths for four pounds The Town to pay What Doctoring he may want

Adjourned this Meeting to Next May Meeting

Monday April 5th 1790—At a legal Town Meeting——

Votes for Governor &c. the present year—were brought in as follows—viz

for his Excly John Hancock Esqr	50	for Senators	
James Bowdoin Esqr	1	Elijah Dwight Esqr	13
for Lient Govr		Thomas J. Skinner Esqr	30
Saml Adams Esqr —	40	John Bacon Esqr	43
John Bacon Esqr	6	William Williams of Dolton	3

Same Day as above Chose Capt Joshua Wells Moderator. ——

Voted to Chose a Committee to finnish underpining and glazing, and Making Door Steps to the Meeting House; which Committee are to Do the Work and be allowed their Cost for the same——

Chose Samuel Porter, Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr and Capt Josiah Yale for The above Committee. ——

At a Legal Town Meeting, May 4th 1790—Chose Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr Representative for the ensuing year ——

Chose Mr John Nye Moderator

Voted that the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit be and they hereby are directed to apply to Mr Mead to preach With us after his Journey to Boston—— Dissolved the Meeting ——

March Meeting Continued

Voted to Vendue the keeping of old Mr Howard—and Samuel Porter undertook to Keep him four Weecks at nine Shillings ℔ Weeck Exclusive the expence of Doctors ——

Set up the repairing the great Bridge Near the Meeting House at Vendue Which bridge is to be done in the following manner—viz—one good pair of Trustles to be put at the West end—and Well breaced The bridge to be covered with good plank, three Inches thick, Two New String Pieces to be put on the out side of the top of the bridg—well keyed to the lower string pieces—The Westerly Abutment to be raised with timber & gravel, so as to make it good passing onto the Bridge—one Cross Tim-

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ber to go underneath the middle of the bridge—to be Well Keyed to the upper String Pieces—Prince West bid of the above mentioned Job at Eleven pounds eight Shillings he is to finish the Bridge by the Last of July—appointed the Select Men to settle with Mr Willcox for the Land that the Meeting House Stands on ———

Voted to raise one hundred pounds by Tax to defray Town Charges the present year.—Capt Joshua Wells agreed to give up the building a house on Ebr Swift's Land—and Nathan Ball undertook to Build the same for 28 £. But the house is Now to be 20 feet Wide and 22 feet long—and two fireplaces——

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At a Legal Town Meeting, Monday May 31st 1790—

Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator

Chose Levi Nye, Nathan Ball & Dn Oliver West as a Committee to Supply the Pulpit the present year—Voted that the Town has no Objection to the granting of the Prayer of a Petition of the inhabitants of that part of the Town living on the Hoplands—setting for[th] their Desire of being incorporated into a Society for Supporting Schools ——

Voted that Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr be and he hereby is directed to apply to the Select Men or overseers of the poor for the Town of Stoughton—and inform that there is one of their poor in this Town whome they are desired to provide for: and that in case of their Neglect the said Jenkens is hereby directed to prosecute the matter to final Judgment———

Voted that James Penoyer, Capt Joshua Wells, Wm Ingersoll Esqr be & they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into an old Class Tax for which Lambert Howk calls on the Town—and to report to the Next Meeting. ———

Dissolved the Meeting

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At a Legal Town Meeting Augt 31st 1790——

Chose Mr John Nye Moderator ——

Voted that the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit, be and they Hereby are directed to Apply to Mr Mead to com and preach with us in order for a Settlement.—Chose Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr as an Agent to attend to the Demand Which Mr Watson of Becket Brings against the Town, for Keeping the Wido Handy's Child

Dissolved the Meeting

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At a Legal Town Meeting, Sepr 23d 1790 ——

Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator ——

Voted that the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit be and they hereby are requested to apply to Mr Mede to come and preach with us on probation ——

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Chose Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr Capt Joshua Wells, John Keep, Capt Abijah Merrills, Capt Seth Backus & Edmond Hinckley a Committee to treat With the regard to making some alterations in the Church's Covenant—
Chose Capt Joshua Wells Grand Juror.

Dissolved

At a legal Town Meeting Octr 4th 1790—
Votes brought in for Representative to Congress were as follows—viz,

for Theodore Sedgwick Esqr	23
John Bacon Esqr -	22
Saml Lyman Esqr -	2
Thompson J. Skinner Esqr	1

On the same Day Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator —
Voted to Vendue the keeping of Ebenezer Handy a poor Child for six Months to come, on the following Conditions—viz The Child to be victualed, Cloathed & Schooled as much as he can attend during the Said term of six Months, The Child to be sufficiently cloathed for Winter, and returned with his cloaths in as good repair as they now are—The Town to pay the Schooling viz The teaching over and above What he is vendued at ——
Hope Davis bid off the keeping of said Child at five pounds 3s/ for the six Months ———

Dissolved the Meeting

Expences on Eleazer Howard

Stockbridge Expences & transporting	0—12—0
Dr Thompsons Acct — —	15—6
Joshua Wells's Acct — —	4—6
Samuel Porter's Acct —	9—2—9
	10—14—9
More Addition —	9—6
	£. 11—4—3

At a legal Town Meeting Monday Decr 20th 1790
Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator ——
Voted to pass over the Third Article in the Warrant——
Voted to leave the care of John Davis's familcyWith the Select Men for the Present. ——
Voted to raise twenty pounds to Supply the Pulpit ——
Voted that the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit be, and they hereby are directed to employ such Candidate or Candidates to preach in Town as will board in Town during each Weeck he or they may preach With us—
Voted that the Town does not choose that Our Representative Should attend the General Court the Next session ——

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Voted to give Mr John Powers Eighteen Shillings on his transcribing the Whole Contained in this Book into a new Book of Records Said Powers to complate the Work before the next Annual, March Meeting ——

Voted that the Rate Bill for an old Class Tax now in dispute With Howk & Vanduser be Committed to Sylvenus Dimmuck With a Warrant to Collect the said Tax —— ——

Dissolved the Meeting

[The copy of the original book of records, made in accordance with the vote of the last meeting, contains the only extant records of the town, previous to January 24th, 1791; since that time they appear in the writing of the clerks.]

At a legal Town Meeting, Monday Jany 24th 1791.——

Chose John Nye Moderator. ——

Question put to see whether Esqr Jenkens be desired to attend the General Court the next Session:—passed in the affirmative.

Voted that the Committee for supplying the Pulpit be and they hereby are requested to apply to Mr Jones to preach with us six Sabbaths after the first six he agreed for shall have expired.

Voted to raise ten pounds in addition to twenty pounds already granted to procure preaching————

Dissolved the Meeting.——

At a legal Town Meeting—Monday, March 7th 1791.——

Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator. ——

Capt Josiah Yale, John Nye —, Enoch Garfield — Select Men

Nathan Dillingham Town Clerk

Capt Josiah Yale Town Treasurer.

Lt Joseph Crocker Grand Juror.

†Jedediah Crocker Constable, who undertook to collect Taxes for thirty nine Shillings on the Hundred Pound, and Lt Jos Crocker, and Abraham Perry became his Sureties for the faithful discharge of his Duty.——

†Stephen Leonard, †Lt Danl Church, †Lt Levi Nye — Wardens.

†Nathan Ball, †Wm Ingersoll Esqr, †Prince West, †Abijah Merrills, †William Whitney — Tythingmen.

†Capt Jared Bradley, Thomas Becher, †Lewis Hatch, †Thos Crocker, †Isaac Davis, †Mattw Vandusen, †John Percival, Elijah West, †Jesse Clark, †Rufus Stanton, Saml Chadwick, †Job Hamblin — Surveyors Highways.

†John Starnes, †Jared Bradley — Fence Viewers

†John Starnes, †Saml Chadwick, †Caleb West, †Jos Bradley — Hogreeves

†Wm Ingersoll Jr, Levi Chase, Cornelius Bassett, †Jos Nichols — Field Drivers

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March Meeting 1791.——

Voted that Hogs in Town may run at large under the restrictions of the Law.——

Chose Nathaniel Bassett Pound Keeper

†Sam[l] Porter
†Stephen Tobey
†Archelaus Chadwick
†John Crosby
} Surveyors of Lumber

†Solomon Cole
†Sam[l] Stanley
} Wood Corders.

†Henry Donnelly Sealer of Leather

Nathan Dillingham Sealr Wts & Mears

Fenner Foot Grave Digger

Peter Willcox to Sweep the Meeting House the same as the last year, for the Sum of 11s/.—

Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr Capt Joshua Wells & Seth Backus, a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer of the last year.——

Voted to raise forty pounds to support Schools in Town, to be distributed among the inhabitants according to the number of Children aged from four to fourteen years.

Chose Eli Bradley, Joseph Whiting Levi Nye, & Levi Porter, a Committee to take the number of Children in Town, of the above discription.

Chose Jedediah Crocker in addition to this Committee.

Voted to raise one hundred and fifty pounds to repair high Ways—to be paid in Work by those who choose it, at the rate that Work was estimated in the year 1790. —

Voted to give Mr Abiel Jones a Call to settle with us in the Work of the ministry.

Voted that the Committee for supplying the pulpit be and they hereby are requested to acquaint Mr Jones with the doings of the Town respecting him.

Voted to allow Dn Jesse Bradley twenty Shillings for printing the doings of a County Convention, of which he was a Member.——

Vote called to see whether the Town will allow the accounts of Prince West & Wait Hatch for cloathing furnished to the Soldiers some years since——passed in the negative.

Adjourned this meeting to the first Monday in April next.

NB. Those Names of Men in Office with this mark † are sworn.

Monday April 4th 1791——

The Town met according to adjournment

Question put to see if the Town will raise money to defray town charges; passed in the negative.

Question put to see if the Town will raise any Sum of Money as a Sallary, or encouragement for Mr Abiel Jones to settle with us; passed in the affirmative.

Reconsidered the Vote of March 7th respecting giving Mr Jones a Call.

Voted to give Mr Jones a Call to settle with us in the Work of the ministry—and to give him 80£ ℔r annum Sallary on his settling as aforesaid

Chose Dn Oliver West, Wm Ingersoll Esqr & Capt Josiah Yale a committee to treat with Mr Jones on the above mentioned Business of giving him a Call &c.

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Voted that the minister Taxes that have been laid on Ensign John Burghardt's property in this Town be refunded to said Burghardt

Voted that the Taxes against James Mansfield in the hands of Saml Porter shall lie two Months at the risque of the Town

Voted to allow John Powers two Dollars in addition to the three Dollars before allow'd him for transcribing the town's records.

Dissolved the Meeting——

Be it remembered that Joseph Moon, his Wife & Children were warned to depart from this Town—March 1st 1791——

At a legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Lee Monday Apl 4th 1791—Votes brought in for Governor, Lieut Governor & Senators were as follows—viz—

for Governor-John Hancock Esqr	—	39
Lt Govr Saml Adams Esqr	—	26
— — Nathl Gorham Esqr	—	10
Senators-John Bacon Esqr	—	41
— Thomson J. Skinner Esqr	—	40
— Elijah Dwight Esqr	—	1

At the same Meeting chose Ebenr Jenkens Esqr Moderator

Votes brought in for County Treasurer were as follows—viz—

Barna Bidwell Esqr	—	12
Moses Ashley Esqr	—	15
Capt Josiah Yale	—	22
John Stoughton	—	3
Ebr Jenkens Esqr	—	1
Wm Walker Esqr	—	1

Chose the following Persons overseers of the poor—viz William Ingersoll Esqr | Seth Backus | & Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr

Voted that the overseers of the poor be and they hereby are directed to vendue such poor Persons as are or may become chargeable to the Town, or all such poor Persons as the overseers shall judge most expedient to vendue.

Chose Thomas Crocker overseer of the Poor in lieu of Seth Backus excused.

Dissolved the Meeting——

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May Meeting—1791.—

At a legal Town Meeting—thursday the 5th Day of May A. D. 1791.——
Question put to see whether the Town will choose a Representative the present year—passed in the Negative——

Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator.

Voted to raise fifty pounds to defray Town Charges the present year.

Voted that the Select Men be, and they hereby are directed to use their endeavours to prevent the spreading of the small pox in Town—and to proceed on the matter as the Law directs.

Dissolved the Meeting——

At a legal Town Meeting, Monday, June 6th 1791.——
Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator.

Voted to raise sixty pounds to supply the pulpit.

appointed Deacon Oliver West, Nathan Ball and Levi Nye a Committee to procure preaching, & dispose of the above Money.——

Voted that those Persons who did not work out their high Way Rates the last year have Liberty to work to the amount of said rates the present year, at the usual wages; provided they do ~~the~~ said Work before the first of July next.

Voted to remit the high Way Taxes of Abiathar Chadwick, Leml Barlow, & Nathan Davis, which they were assessed the last year. also James Penoyer's last year high Way Tax remitted.

Dissolved the Meeting——

At a legal Town Meeting—Monday the 25th of July, 1791
Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator.
Chose Peter Willcox & James Penoyer agents to defend an action brought against the Town of Lee by Caleb Chadwick, which action he commenced on account of his loosing a Horse in Town.

Voted that said agents be and they hereby are directed to act discretionarily on the above Business

Voted to pass over the fourth article in the Warrant.

Voted to pass over the fifth article in the Warrant.

Voted the Pulpit-Committee be, and they hereby are directed to apply to Mr Stephen Williams to preach with us three or four Sabbaths on probation.

Dissolved the Meeting

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At a legal Town Meeting, Monday August 8th 1791.——
Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator.

Voted to discontinue the Road leading from William Goodspeed's Land on Washington Town-Line, as far South as to come abreast with Jesse Ward's House, and said part of a Road is hereby discontinued.

Question put to see if the Town will unite with the Church in giving Mr Stephen Williams a call to settle with us in the Work of the Ministry—passed in the affirmative—Yeas 72, Nays 5.
Do 4 added.

Voted to make Mr Williams the following proposals—viz—To give him 200 £ Settlement, to be paid in the term of four years—50 £ a year; and 60 £ Salary yearly, the first four years; afterwards 80 £ Salary. The aforesaid Settlement to be paid in Grain, Cattle & Bar Iron——
Or to give him 100 £ Salary and no Settlement:——
Or the improvement of a Parsonage, worth 200 £, containing convenient Lands & Buildings, within a suitable Distance from the Meeting House, so long as he shall continue to be our minister, and 90 £ Salary.

Chose Messrs Prince West, Abijah Merrils, Joshua Wells, Josiah Yale and John Nye a Committee to wait on Mr Williams with the above proposals and request an answer.

At a legal Town Meeting—Nov. 14th 1791
Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator

Voted that 50 £ be raised to discharge an Execution in favr of Caleb Chadwick

Voted to finish the Meeting House ——

Appointed James Penoyer, Josiah Yale & Seth Backus a Committee to compute the cost of finishing the Meeting House and report to our next March Meeting ——

Voted that Samuel Porter be, and he hereby is appointed an agent in behalf of the Town to collect a Demand on the Town of Stoughton, for the snpport of Eleazer Howard, one of the poor of the said Town of Stoughton ——

Voted that the Town is hereby directed to drive the old Constables to a Settlement.——

Dissolved the Meeting——

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At a Legal Town Meeting, Monday Decr 19th 1791.——
Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator.

Question put—Whether the Town will give the Pulpit-Committee directions to apply to Mr Hyde to preach with us any longer or not? passed in the affirmative—Yeas 82—Nays 3.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be, and they hereby are directed to take such care of Ebenezer Swift & his Family as they shall think proper.

Voted to give John Green twelve pounds on condition of his taking Ebenezer Handy a poor Child and keeping him till he shall be 21 years of age, and learn him the Taylors trade, also reading writing and arithmetick.—Said Sum to be paid at three payments—viz 4 pounds a year till the whole be paid——

Annual March Meeting—1792—Monday, March 5th
Chose Capt Josiah Yale—Moderator———

†Nathan Dillingham Town Clerk —

†Josiah Yale
†John Nye
†Enoch Garfield
} Select Men

Josiah Yale—Town Treasurer

†Ebenezer Jenkens Jr—Constable, who undertook to collect Taxes the ensuing year for six Shillings on the hundred pound; and Edmund Hinckley & Lt Jos Crocker became his Sureties for the faithful Discharge of his Trust.

†Stephen Tobey
†William Ingersoll Jr
} Wardens.

†Joseph Wyllys
†Solomon Cole
Matthew Vanduser
} Tythingmen

†Ebenezer West
†Sylvenus Dimmuck
†Job Hamlin
†Oliver Hatch
†William Ingersoll Esqr
†Stephen Couch
†Daniel Willcox
†Josiah Yale
†Levi Chase
†Aaron Wormer
†Benja Hinckley
†John Crosby
} Surveyors of high Ways.

†Thomas Becher
†Jonathan Graves
†Cornelius Bassett
†Jared Ingersoll
†Elijah West
†Thomas Shaw
} Fence Viewers

†Josiah Crocker
†Jabez Bradley
†Lewis Hatch
†Reuben Marsh
} Hogreeves.

†Jacob Fuller
†Elisha Freeman
} Field Drivers

†Nathl Bassett Pound keeper, and to take care of, & sweep the Meeting House.

†John Hewlet
†Jedediah Crocker
Saml Porter
} Surveyors of Lumber

†John Howk
†John Starnes
Leml Barlow
†Thomas Shaw
} Wood Corders.

†Sylvenus Dimmuck Sealr Leather

Nathan Dillingham Sealr Wts & Measures

Fenner Foot—Grave-Digger

Oliver West
Ebenr Jenkens Esqr
David Stevens
} Committee to settle accounts, on behalf of the Town, with the Town Treasurer.—

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Voted to raise fifty pounds to defray Town Charges

Voted to raise Forty pounds to support Schools.

Voted to raise 150 £ to repair high Ways to be wrought out at 4/ a Day till the first of October, and 2/6 after that time.

Voted to pass over the article in the Warrant, respecting finishing the Meeting-House.

Proposals to Mr Hyde

Question put to see if the Town will unite with the Church in giving Mr Alvin Hyde a Call to settle with us in the work of the ministry, passed in the affirmative; 85 in favour; and 29 Neuter & against. including other persuasions.

Voted to offer Mr Hyde on condition of his settling as above 200 £ as a Settlement, viz 50 £ a year till the whole be paid.

Voted to offer him, as above, 60 £ Sallary the first year, which Sum is to be enlarged by the Town 5 £ a year immediately after the first year, till the Sallary shall be 80 £ a year, which last mentioned Sum is to be a permanent Salary.

Chose William Ingersoll Esqr Capt Yale Capt Garfield, Deacon West and Nathan Ball a Committee to wait on Mr Hyde with the above proposals, and request an answer.

NB Those names of Town Officers with this † mark are sworn—or rather, the men are sworn

Voted to discontinue the Road leading from Hope Davis's to Sylvenus Gifford's, as far as from Saml Davis's Land whereon Hope Davis lives, to the road leading by Geo Chanter's & Jedediah Crocker's Houses.

Voted to discontinue the old North Road leading to Becket, from the County road near William Perry's, to Becket Line.

Voted to discontinue the Town Road leading across Sylvenus Dimmuck's Land, in the east part of the Town, begining and ending at the County Road.

Adjourned this Meeting to the first Monday in April, to meet at the usual place

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April Meeting—1792—

At a legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Lee on Monday the 2d Day of April—1792—Votes brought in for Governor of this Commonwealth were for His Excellency John Hancock Esqr 42 Votes

For Lieut Governor, His Honor Saml Adams Esqr 49 Votes

For Senators—Elijah Dwight Esqr — 38
Thomson J. Skinner — — 15
John Bacon Esqr — 28

On the Same Day

Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator——

Voted that the treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay Mr Joshua Wells four Pounds, seventeen Shillings for his Cost in prosecuting Eleazer West, for which Sum said Wells is to be accountable, till he shall produce to the Select Men, a Bill of the above Cost, and make a settlement of the matter with them ————

Adjourned March Meeting —opened.

Voted that the Select Men be, and they hereby are requested to examine the Laws, respecting the Estate of Utter's Heirs, and to proceed thereon as the Law and their Discretion may direct.————

Voted that the Select Men be, and they hereby are requested to lay out a road to meet a road leading from the North of Becket.

Voted that the Money voted this year to Support Schools be divided to each District according to the amount of Taxes paid in each District.—

Voted that Ashbel Lee have liberty to turn the road from Pratt's Potato-Hole so as to pass by the Silver Furnace, along the Bank of the river, making it more direct from the main road to the Bridge below said Lee's House. ———

Voted that hogs have Liberty to run at large the present year, under the restrictions of the Law.——

Voted that William Chanter, George Chanter, Sylvenus Gifford & John Gifford be exempted from paying their minister Taxes.——

Adjourned this Meeting to Monday the 9th Day of April instant, at 5 o'clock afternoon.

Adjourned—March—Meeting, 1792.

Apl 9th 1792 The Town met according to adjournment

Chose Lt Joshua Wells Grand Juror for the ensuing year.

Dissolved the meeting.

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Apl. 9th 1792—Drew Jesse Clark Petit Juror.

At a legal Town Meeting, May 8th 1792——

Question put—will the Town choose a Representative for the ensuing year? Passed in the affirmative.

Chose Capt. Josiah Yale to represent this Town in the General Court the present year.

Chose Capt. Enoch Garfield Moderator.

Voted to remit the following Taxes—viz—on Samuel Porter's Bills. Hon. Theodore Sedgwick's Taxes £ 0—5—0, and 12/2 on John Davis's Taxes Also George Parker's Taxes in full.——

Question put—will the Town choose a Committee to remit all such Taxes as they may think desperate? Passed in the affirmative.

Chose Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr. Sylvs. Dimmuck, Matthew Vandnser, Nathan Dillingham & William Ingersoll Esqr. for the above Committee

Voted that the road by Nichols's Mill near Lee's Bridge, so called (which was voted by the Town in April last, might be turned [by Ashbel Lee],‡ so as to pass by the Silver Furnace) shall be, and hereby is established according to the former Boundaries, as recorded in the Towns Book, page 463. [Page 505.]

Voted that the Assessors shall make up taxes on their present Valuation, making such alterations as they may think proper———

Chose William Ingersoll Esqr. Deacon Oliver West, John Nye, Levi Nye & Nathan Dillingham Capt. Josiah Yale a Committee to provide articles for the Ordination of Mr Hyde. ———

Voted that the above Committee be. and they hereby are requested and authorized to consult Mr Hyde on the Subject of purchasing Land for him, and that they may purchase a Place in behalf of the Town, accordingly, for the use of Mr Hyde.———

Chose Levi Nye, Josiah Yale & David Porter a Committee to superintend the building of Horse-Sheds back of the meeting House.

Voted that all persons who wish to build sheds as above, shall apply to the above Committee within two Weeks from this Day.

Voted that all who agree to build Sheds shall erect them before or by the first of September next, otherwise they shall forfeit their priviledge of building said Sheds on the Town's Land.

‡These three bracketed words are in the original.

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Voted that the Pound shall be removed to Mr Willcox's Land, a little North of his House, within three Weeks from this Day, and is to be repaired with new Sills all, two Braces to each Corner, and other new timber where the old is rotten.

Aaron Benedict undertook to remove & repair the pound, as above, for the consideration of 27s/6D.

Voted to allow Prince West ten Dollars for his Journey to get a minister —some years ago. ——

Adjourned this meeting to tuesday the 22d Day of May instant, at 4 o'clock afternoon, to meet at this place.

Tuesday, May 22d 1792—The Town met according to adjournment———
Question Put will the Town discontinue the road leading from Esqr Ingersoll's Southward, over the three Bridges, so called, to the South end of the South Bridge,—passed in the affirmative.

Voted to accept a Road leading from William Ingersoll Jr's to Elijah Ingersoll's according to N. Dillingham's Survey taken May 6th 1791.

Voted that the South West District shall be allowed ten pounds, to be paid out of such Districts in Town as the Select Men may judge most proper.—Said ten pounds allowed for the purpose of helping to build a Bridge on the Road accepted above.

At a legal Town Meeting on Monday the second Day of July Anno Domini 1792—Chose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator.

Voted to pass over the second Article in the Warrant.

Chose Sylvenus Dimmuck—Collector, to collect such Taxes as may be assess'd for the Salary and Settlement of the Revd Mr Alvan Hyde, the present year ——

Voted that the Surveyors in the South part of the Town be, and they hereby are directed to repair the three Bridges South of Esqr Ingersoll's, so that they may be passable for the present Summer.

Dissolved the Meeting———

Augt 30th 1792—Drew Nathan Ball Petit Juror.————

At a legal Town Meeting September 6th 1792.
Chose William Ingersoll Esqr Moderator.

Accepted the Road as turn'd or laid anew by Capt Thos Crocker's.

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Accepted also the Road from Freeman Mosier's Northward, and discontinued the former Road through John Chadwick's Lot.

Voted to defer acting on the Survey of a Road leading from Capt Garfield's to the Forge, and also that from the Forge to Benja Hinckley's.

Voted that the Pew reserved for our Minister, be and is hereby given to Mr Alvan Hyde, for him to improve so long as he shall continue in the Office of the Ministry in this Town, and no longer.

Voted that the Town's stock of Amunition be kept at the House of Nathan Dillingham.

Appointed Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr and Josha Wells & Nathn Ball, agents to attend the next Court of Sessions and make such objections against the Road, laid across Reuben Pixley's Land, as they may think proper.—

Voted to raise the Sum of twenty five pounds to defray former charges of the Pulpit.

Chose Seth Abbot Grand Juror ————

Drew Lieut Jos Whiton Petit Juror

Dissolved the Meeting.

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At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee
The votes brought in for Representatives were as follows (viz)
For the County of Berkshire. Esqr Sedgwick—26 John Bacon Esqr 9
For the County of Hampshire—Samll Lyman Esq—32
For the County of Worcester Artemas Ward Esq—17 Jonathan Grout Esq 10
For the District at Large Esq Bacon 35 ————
For the three Districts—David Cobb—14 Samll Phillips Esq 17. ——

————The same Day chose Lt John Nye Moderator————
Voted to refer the accepting of Roads to next March Meeting
Voted to raise thirty pounds to be laid out in purchasing Oak Plank three Inches thick for the repairing Bridges. ————

Desovd the Meeting. ——

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Jany 14 1793
At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee
The Votes brought in for Representatives were as follows (viz)
for the County of Hampshire Hon. Samuel Lyman Esqr 17 Votes
For the District Hon. Thompson J. Skinner Esqr — 22 Votes
Hon. John Bacon Esqr — 1 Vote
The Meeting Desolvd ————

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At a legal Town Meeting, Monday, Feby 18, 1793.

Chose Capt Enoch Garfield Moderator.

Question put—Will the Town agree that innoculation for the Small Pox be set up in this Town? Passed in the negative.

Dissolved the Meeting——

At a legal, annual, March—Meeting, Monday March 4th 1793

Chose Ebenezer Jenkens Esqr Moderator

†Daniel Willcox Town Clerk —

Josiah Yale, †John Nye, †Archalus Chadwick — Select Men

†Chose Nathan Dillingham Town Treasurer ——

†Ebenr Jenkins Esqr Minister Treasurer

Samuel Porter—Constable—— undertook to Collect the taxes for twenty one shillings on the hundred Pound.

John Nye and Jesse Bradley Jr became surety for the faithful Discharge of his duty

†Jedediah Crocker, Seth Backus — Wardeens

†Asael Foot, †Joseph Bradley, †William Whitney, †David Baker — Tythingmen

†Nathan Ball, †Seth Abbot, †Daniel West, †Ebenr West, †Reuben Barlow, ‡Ebenr Jenkins Junr, †Abraham Perry, Levi Nye, †Jesse Gifford, †John Freese, †Jared Ingersoll, †Jonathan Graves — Surveyors of Highways

†Abiathar Chadwick, Aron Wormer, †Aron Benedict, †John Nye, †John Starnes, †Cornelius Bassett Sen — Fence Viewers

†Jacob Winegar, †Jacob Penoyer, †Ebenezer Squire, †Thomas Shaw — Hogreeves

Hogs to run under the restrictions of the Law

†Samuel Stanley, †John Howk — Field drivers

Sylvanus Hulett, †Stephen Tobey, †Samuel Porter — Surveyor of Lumber

Daniel Willcox Pound keeper

†Nathan Dillingham Sealer of Wts & measures

‡Sylvanus Dimmuck Sealr of Leather

†David Stevens, †Samuel§ Stanley, †Capt Abijah Merrill, ‡Stephen Leonard — Wood Corders

Fenner Foot—Grave Digger‖

Major Jared Bradley, Esqr Ebenr Jenkins, Nathan Ball — Committee to settle with the Treasurers

NB Those names of Person of town officers with this † mark are sworn

Voted to raise £ 65 as a Sallary for Mr Hyde the ensueing year

Voted to raise £ 150 to repair highways

§ "Saml" in MS. ‖ "digger" in MS.

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Voted to accept of the report of a Committee Chosen 1790 to settle with the Town treasurer
found due to the town £ 69—5—7

Voted to accept the report of a Committee Chosen 1791 to settle with the T. Treasurer
And found due to the town £ 48—17—10

Voted to accept the report of a committee Chosen 1792 to settle with the town Treasurer
Found due to the town £ 179—5—9—

Voted to remit six shillings of Matthew Vandusens Tax in Sylvanus Dimmucks hands

Voted that James Penoyer have the privilege of working out his highway Tax for 1791

Voted to remit six shillings of Benjamin Backus's tax in Saml. Porters hands and the whole in Ebenr. Jenkins hands

Voted to Discontinue the road by Job Hamlins & to B. Backuses

Chose Nathl. Bassett to keep the Meeting house the year ensueing

Pass'd over the 4th and 6 articles to Apl. meeting

Adjourned to the first monday of Apl. at the usual place at 11 o clock P. m. [A. M.]

April 1st 1793
At a legal Town meeting on monday the first day of April 1793
Votes brought in for Representatives to Congress as follows (viz)
For the Destrict the Hond. Dwight Foster Esqr. 42 Votes
For the County of Hampshire the Hond. Saml. Lyman Esqr. 42 Votes
Votes brought in for Governor of the Commonwealth
For John Hancock Esqr. 50 Votes
Lt Governor Hon'd Samuel Adams Esqr. 41
Senators Hon'd John Bacon Esqr 38
Elijah Dwight Esqr 30
Hon'd Thompson J. Skinner Esqr. 11
Desolved the meeting

Adjourned March meeting. The Town met according to adjournment
Chose David Ingersoll Grand Juror.

Voted to raise £ 15 in addition to Mr. Hydes Sallary or for Support of preaching

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Voted to raise £40 for support of Schooling

Voted to accept and Establish the old road by Danl Churches through John Freeses land & Barnam & others to James Andersons according to a survey bil Aug. 31—1792 Laid out by Jo^{s} Yale, John Nye & Enoch Garfield.

Dissolved the Meeting.

April 1 1793 Drew Daniel Willcox Petit Juror.

At a legal Town meeting on thursday the 16th day of May 1793
Question put will the Town Chose a Representative for the Ensueing Year?—passed in the Negative ———

Chose† Capt Josiah Yale Moderator

Adjourn'd this meeting to monday the third day of June next at three OClock P. M.

June 3d 1793 The Town met according to adjournment
Chose† Capt Jesse Bradley Moderator (Josiah Yale unwell & Excus d)

Voted to accept of the return of a settlement with the Town Treasurer by a Comittee Chosen for that purpose Dated June 3d 1793 The S^{d} Committee find a balance due to the town for town Taxes £ 106—19—2¾ And Minister Tax £ 97—2—5¾ ———

Voted to raise Eighty pounds to defray Town debts ———

Voted to Choose a Comittee to Examine the fence around the Burying yard and apply to some person to repair the same and bring their account in for payment.—Chose Levi Nye, Capt Thos Crocker & Thomas Beecher for the above named Committee

Desolved the meeting

At a legal Town Meeting monday August 26th 1793.
Chose† Capt Josiah Yale Moderator.
Voted to accept of the road from Becket line old road to the County road according to a survey bill Ap^{l} 17th 1792 made by Nath^{n} Dillingham
Question put shall the Assessors go around and take a new valuation? Pass'd in the negative ———
Voted that the Assessors shall Assess one hundred pounds of Mr Hydes Settlement at the next Assessment.

Dissolv'd the meeting ——

† "Choose" in MS.

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August 26th 1793 Chose Capt Jesse Bradley Grand Juror

At a legal Town meeting on Monday the 9th of Septr 1793

Choose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator.

Question put will the [Town] repair the bridges across the river in this Town (viz) the bridge near the forge in the south part of the town, and the great bridge near the meeting house, and the bridge near Ashbel Lee's ? Pass'd in the affirmative.

Voted to raise by assessment forty pounds for the above purpose.

Voted that the selectmen oversee the repairing of the above mentioned bridges and too appropriate the money according to the best discretion & Judgment

Desolved the meeting

At a legal Town meeting Monday November 25th 1793.

Choose Josiah Yale Moderator for Sd meeting.

Voted to raise twenty pounds in Addition to school monies.

Voted to pass over the third article.

Desolv'd the meeting.

At a legal annual March meeting, Monday March 3d 1794

Chose§ Capt Josiah Yale Moderator

Daniel Willcox T. Clerk

Josiah Yale, John Nye, Archs Chadwick — Select men

†Nathan Dillingham Town Treasurer

†Jesse Clark—Constable

Undertook to Collect the taxes for two pounds fourteen shillings on the hundred pound and Elisha Freeman & Jared Bradley became surety for the faithful discharge of his duty

†Thomas Beecher, †Jonathan Graves — Tythingmen

†Job Hamlin, †John Keep — Wardeens

†Jared Bradley
†Seth Backus
Lt Joseph Crocker
Levi Nye
†Peleg Barlow
†David Foot
†Capt Abijah Merril
†Capt Enoch Garfield
†Joseph Crocker 2d
†Nathan Ball Jr
†Jess Clark
†Daniel West
— Surveyors of highways

William Ingersoll
†James Orton
†Jess Gifford
Oliver West
Seth Abbot
— Field drivers

†Isaac Davis
†Ebenr West
†Job Hamlin
†Matthew Vandusen
— Fence Viewers

§ "Choose" in MS.

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†Jesse Randal
†Seth Barden
†Silas Leonard
†Thos Crocker
} Hogreeves

†John Hulett
†Saml Porter
†Jedediah Crocker
} Surveyors of Lumber

†Nathan Dillingham Sealer of Wts & measures

Daniel Willcox Pound keeper

†Sylvanus Dimmuck
†Levi Chase
} Sealer of Leather

†Seth Backus
Reuben Pixley
} wood corders

Nathanl Bassett to take the care of the meeting house

NB those with this mark † have sworn to office

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to settle with the T. Treasurer

Voted to allow Nathl Bassett eighteen shillings for keeping the meeting house

Voted to pass over the 4th article in the warrant

Voted to choose a committee of 5 men to inspect bridges and report at Apl meeting. Choose Isaac Davis, Ebenr Jenkins Esqr, Jared Bradley and David Porter & Josiah Yale for the above committee

Voted that the T Treasurer be directed to call the collectors of more than one years standing to a settlement

Voted to choose a Committee to confer with Masons & Carpenters about the expence of finishing the meeting house

Choose Edmund Hinkley, Ebenr Jenkins Esqr and Nathan Dillingham the above committee

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of Apl next at 12 o Clock

Monday April 7th 1794 the Town met according to adjournment.

Opened the meeting and adjourn'd to 3 o Clock P. M. the same day.

Met according to adjournment

Voted to repair the bridge betwixt Mr Tylers & the furnace by building two stone butments and to be cover'd with three inch plank.

Voted to raise money to repair all bridges in the town that is necessary to be repair'd.

Voted to raise £ 100 for the above purpose

Chose Capt Josiah Yale to petition to the next Court to discontinue a piece of road in town kn[own] by the name of the 3 Bridges

Adjourn d to Friday next at one o Clock P. M.

At a legal Town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Lee on Monday the seventh day of Apl 1794

Choose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator

† "Choosed" to vote

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Choose Seth Abbot Grand Juror for the year Ensueing.
Adjourn d this meeting to Friday next at 3 o Clock P M.

At a legal Town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Lee on Mond[ay] the seventh day of April 1794

votes brought in for Governor, Lt Governor and Senators were as follows (viz)

for Governor For the Hon'd William Cushion Esqr 67 [Cushing]
For Lt Governor Hon'd Samuel Adams Esqr 63
For Senators John Bacon Esqr 41
Thompson J. Skinner Esqr 33
Elijah Dwight Esqr 6

Adjurn'd March meeting.

Friday Apl 11th 1794 The town met according to adjournment.

Voted to choose a Committee consisting of five men to inspect the repairing the bridges (viz) one for each bridge.
Choose John Nye to inspect the building the bridg near Jesse Wards Col Bradley the bridg near the furnace. Deacon Nye the great bridge near the meeting house Isaac Davis the Hop brook bridge, Capt Merril the Cove Bridge.

Choose Edmund Hinkley as an assistant to Deacon Nye ———

Voted that for every faithful days work shall be allow d four shillings, and four shilling pr day for a team and cart sufficient to carry a load—

Voted that each man begin his days work at 8 o Clock A M. and rest an hour at noon. ———

Capt Thos Crocker under[took] to procure good hemlock plank 3 inches thick deliver'd at the bridge near the meeting house sufficient to cover the same at 10/1 pr hundred—Capt Jesse Bradley undertook to procure the plank to cover the bridges near Tylers and Jesse Wards deliver d at the bridges 3 inches thick at 10/1 pr hundred—John Starues undertook to procure the plank for Hop brook bridge at the same rate. John Hulet undertook to procure the plank for the cove bridge at the same rate.

Voted to raise seventy five pounds to repair highways to be laid out in labour at 4/d pr day until the first of Octr next then 2/6d pr day to the end of the year ——

Voted to raise £40 for the support of Schooling.

Question put will the town finish the meeting house ? pass'd in the negative.

Adjourn'd to May meeting at 3, o Clock P. M.

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Adjourned meeting Apl 11th 1794 The town met according to adjournment

Voted the Assessors be directed not to tax in the minister tax Episcopalians Babtist & Quakers

Question put will the town ass t Esqr Jenkins in defending the suit commenc'd against him by James Finney ?

Pass'd in the negative.

Desolv'd the meeting

At a legal Town meeting Monday May 5th 1794

Question put will the Town choose a representative the present year ?

Pass'd in the affirmative.

Made Choice of Ebenr Jenkins Esqr for the above purpose

Adjourn'd March Meeting

The Town met according to adjournment. —— ——

Voted that Jesse Bartholomew, David Baker, Lemuel Crocker Saml Crocker Seth Barlow, Leml Barlow John Crosby, Abijah Crosby are to work out their bridge tax the present year on the bridge near Jesse Bartholomew's & Choose John Crosby to appropriate the above money ——

Voted that it be left Discretionarily with the Select [men] with regard to disposing of Ebenr Swifts farm and procuring for his support

Voted to raise thirty pounds to defray town charges the present year ——

Voted to pass over the fourth article ——

Voted to divide the School moneys to the Several districts by the number of Schollars in each District from the age of four years to fourteen years of age from the first of May Instant

Voted to appoint a man in each district to receive the number of Schollars

Choose John Nye for the North E destrict.

Chose Aron Benedict for the S. E destrict.

Choose Capt Dillingham for the Centre destrict.

Choose Capt Gearfield for the S. W destrict.

Choose Capt Yale for N. West Destrict ——

Voted that the number of Schollars be return'd to the Selectmen by the first day of July next.

Voted that hogs run at large under the restrictions of the law ——

Voted to Choose a Committee of two men to assist the Selectmen in disposing of Ebenr Swift's farm. Choose, Capt Abbot and Daniel‡ Church for the above Committee —— —— ——

Voted to raise twelve pounds to procure a town stock of ammunition

Voted that the Treasurer be request to procure the town stock

Desolved the meeting——

‡ "Danl" in MS.

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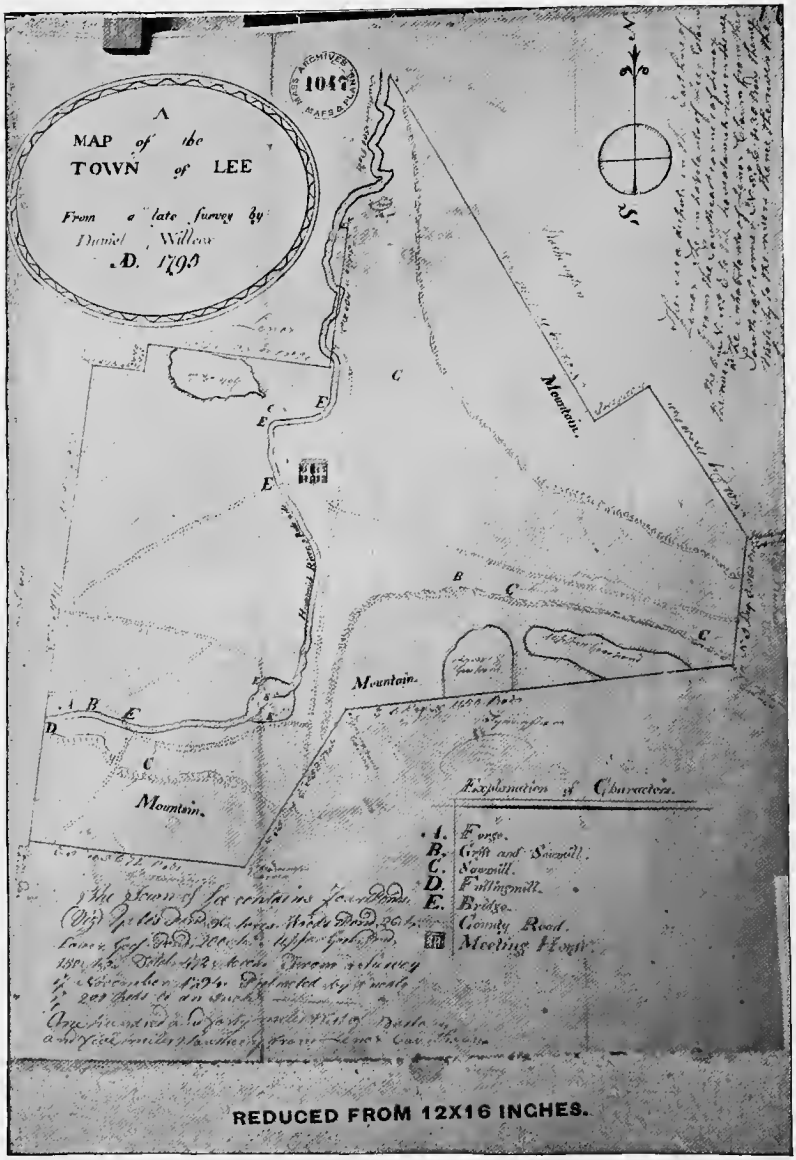

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At a Legal Town meeting, Monday Aug. 25th 1794
Choose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator for said meeting.

Voted to raise £140 for the following purposes (viz)
£20 to pay Mr Williams his demand for preaching in this Town.
£70 for Mr Hydes Sallary the present year,
and £50 for Mr Hyde's Settlement.

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to take a map of the Town according to the act of General Court.

Question put will the Town admit of John Grace to work out his last year's highway tax the present year ? pass'd in the negative

Voted to remit the following Taxes in Moses Ingersolls hands to collect

Voted to Choose a Committee of five men to inspect the above Taxes and remit those that Mr Ingersoll shall attest that he could not collect, if they think proper.

Choose Capt Clark, Capt Stevens, Sylvanus Dimmuck Col Bradley, & James Penoyer, the above Committee and they to make return to the assessors and they to assess the money.

Voted to pass over the 6th Article.

Question put will the Town have Piews built in the Porch alleys ?

Pass'd over the above 7th article.

Voted that Col Bradley be directed to repair the old bridge on the road leading to the Fur[n]ace that it may be passable the ensueing season

Voted to send a remonstrance to the next Court against the new County road laid thro' Col Bradleys land &c.

†Chose, Col Bradley, Capt Dillingham, & Capt Clark, a Committee to draw and carry in the same.

Desolv'd the meeting

At a legal Town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Lee Monday November 3d 1794

Votes brought in for a Representative to Congress for the first Western Destrict

For the Hon. Theodore Sedgwick 27 votes

Desolv'd the meeting

† "Choose" in MS.

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Annual March meeting, Monday March 2d 1795

Choose Col. Jared Bradley Moderator for sd. meeting

Choose Daniel Willcox T Clerk

†Jared Bradley
†Joseph Whiton
†Seth Abbott
} Select men

Town Treasurer
Nathan Dillingham

Minister Treasurer
Josiah Yale—

Minister Collector
Nathan Ball Jr.

†Jess Clark Constable who undertook to collect the taxes for £ 3—10—11½ on the hundred pounds and Seth Abbot and Thomas Crocker became surety for the faithful discharge of his duty in said office

†Josiah Crocker
†Benjamin Stevens
David Ingersoll
†Ephraim Sheldon
} Tything men

Levi Nye
†Cornelius Bassett Senr.
†Jesse Gifford
†Samuel Hulett
†Elijah Ingersoll
†John Freese
†John Percival
†Josiah Yale
Samuel Jones
Ebenezer West
Elisha Freeman
†James Penoyer
} Surveyors of highways

Benjamin Stevens
John Crosby Jr
John Gifford
John Winegar
} Fence Viewers

John Couch
†Jacob Winegar
†Elijah West
†Jonathan Finney
} Hogreeves

William Ingersoll Jr
Joseph Bradley
} Field drivers

Stephen Tobey
†Samuel Porter
†John Crosby Jr
†John Keep
} Surveyors of Lumber

Nathan Dillingham Sealer of Wts & measures

Saml. Chadwick Sealer of leather

Stephen Leonard
Thomas Shaw
} Surveyors of wood

George Bennett Sexton

Drew John Crosby to Serve as Grand-Juror the Ensueing year

Voted that hogs run at large under the restrictions of the law—

N.B. Those Persons who have this mark † anexed to their names are sworn to office

Voted to raise the sum of seventy five pounds for the support of the Gospel the ensuein[g] year

Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to inspect the bridges and make their report at the next April meeting—Choose Levi Nye, James Penoyer and Josiah Yale for the above Committee

Voted to pass over the fifth article

Voted to pass over the seventh article

Voted to discontinue the road from Ebenezer Squier's to the County road leading from Lee meeting-house to Stockbridge

Voted to pass over the ninth and tenth articles

Voted to Adjourn the meetin[g] to the first monday of April at 10 o.Clock A. M.

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April 6th 1795 the Town met according to adjournment

Voted to accept the report of a committee Chosen to inspect the bridges and estimate the charge of repairing them as follows (viz)

The bridge over the river near James Penoyer's	£ 4—0—0
The bridge over the river near Nathan Ball's	3—0—0
The bridge over the brook near Edmund Hinkley's — archd with stone	18—0—0
The bridge over the brook near Levi Chase's	8—0—0
The bridge over the brook near Thos Beechers — cover'd with stone	7—0—0
The bridge over the river near the Forge —	9—0—0
	£ 49—0—0

Voted to repair the above mentioned bridges in the same way that the bridges was repaired the last year ———

Voted to raise £ 50 in addition to the above £ 49—to build a bridge over the river near Nathan Ball's to be a part laid out in procuring materials the ensueing winter for the above bridge ————

Choose James Penoyer as a Committee [to] inspect the repairing the bridge near [his] house

Josiah Yale the bridge near Nathan Ball's

Edmund Hinckley—the bridge near his house

Joseph Whiton the Forge bridge

Levi Ny the bridge near Levi Chases and the bridg near Thos Beecher's

Voted to Choose a Committee [to] rebuild the bridge over the brook near Job Hamlins and the cost taken out of the last mentioned £ 50

Choose Job Hamlin for the above Committee ————

Voted to repair the bridge near Nathan Davis in the same way that the bridge near Job Hamlins is repair'd and the Committee shall inspect the same and make their report to the select men

Voted to raise £100 to repair highways ———

Choose Jesse Gifford to inspect the repairing the last mentioned bridge

Voted to raise £40 (Exclusive of the Hoplands) to support schools the ensueing year ————

Voted to Divide or lay out the school money according to the list ———

Voted to raise £18 to pay Gospel arrearages

Voted to Adjourn'd† this Meeting May 6th 1795 at one o Clock P. M.

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At a legal Town meeting on Monday Apl 6th 1795

Votes brought in for Governor

For Hondle Saml Adams 47
For Hon'd Moses Gill 2
For William Cushing Esqr 9
For Nathaniel Gorham Esqr 2

† Sic.

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Lieut Governor
Moses Gill Esqr 27
Nathl Gorham Esqr 17
For Senators ———
John Bacon Esqr 31
Thompson J. Skinner Esqr 19
Gideon Wheeler Esqr 12
Desolv'd The meeting

Adjourn'd March Meeting, Wednesday May 6th 1795

The Town met according to adjournment

Voted to submit Esq Jenkin's affair relative to his expense in defending the expense of a suit brought against him by James Finney, to the Selectmen to allow what they think best, or Reasonable ——

Voted to allow Edmund Hinkley £ 2—0—0 for Labour on the bridge in Jan—1794.

Voted to allow Levi Nye £ 1—13—11 for Labour done on the bridge in June 1795.

Voted to allow Daniel Willcox 0—13—8 for the above mentioned Labour.

Voted to allow John Nye 0—18—0 for the above mentioned Labour.

Voted to allow Capt Jesse Bradley £ 1--6 for plank and work &c.——

Voted to allow Col Bradley 17/6 for attending Court &c.

Voted to allow Eph Williams & Saml Quincy Attorneys £ 1—6—0

Voted to allow Jesse Clark — £ 0-12—6.

Voted to allow Nathan Dillingham £ 0—9—6.

Voted to allow John Nye — 0—4— .

Voted to allow John Crosby Jr — 5—0—0 for road Damages.

Voted to allow Jonathan Finney — 1—4—0 for road Damages.

Voted to allow Thos Beecher — 6—5—0 for road Damages.

Voted to allow George Bennett — 6—0—0 for road Damages.

Voted to allow Seth Backus — 1-10—0 for road Damages.

Voted to allow Enoch Garfield — 4—0—0 for road Damages.

Voted to allow Sylvanus Hulet — 3—0—0 for Do Do

Voted to allow John Freese — 0-14—0 for Do Do.

Voted to Raise £ 75—0—0 to Defray Town charges.

Voted to allow John Starnes £ 1—10
to Joseph Whiton £ 1—14
to Sylvanus Hulet £ 2—0—0

Voted to raise £ 10—0—0 to procure plank for bridges

Voted that the price of highway labour be 4/d pr day and the same for a team until the first of October thence 2/6 until Novr thence 2/d

Voted that the farm and family of Ebenr Swift be left with the care of the Selectmen———Desolved the meeting

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At a Legal Town Meeting Wednesday May 6th 1795——
Question put will the Town Choose a Representative for the Ensuein[g] year ? Passd in the negative ——
Votes for the Revision of the Constitution (viz)
in favor 27 votes
Desolvd the Meeting

At a Legal Town meeting, Thursday October 8th 1795
Choose Col Jared Bradley Moderator
Voted that the interest of Mr Ebenezer Swift be given up to his son Owen in consequence of his becomeing Surety for a Comfortable Maintenance of that part of the family which is supported by the Town
Question put will the Town raise a sum of Money to build a bridge over the river near James Penovers ? Pass'd in the negative ——
Voted that the Selectmen Lay a road from James Penoyer's across the river &c ——
Voted that the Select men view the several spots of highway that want repairing and give orders to the several surveyors to repair the said roads on the Credit of the next year's highway Tax at 3/d pr day
Desolvd the meeting ——

Annual March meeting, Monday March 7th 1796

Choose Josiah Yale Moderator
Choose Wm Ingersoll, Seth Abbot Jared Bradley to Regulate a list of Jurors ——

Choose Daniel Willcox T. Clerk —

Choose Josiah Yale, John Nye, ArchalausChadwick } Select men—

Drew Capt Thomas Crocker to serve as a Grand Juror the ensueing year ——

Choose Nathan Dillingham Town Treasurer

Choose Josiah Yale Minister Treasurer

Choose Calvin Ingersoll Constable who undertook to Collect the Taxes for 7 Dollars on the £ 100 John Nye and Elisha Freeman became surety for the faithful discharge of his said office

Choose Nathan Dillingham Town Treas—

Job Hamlin, David Ingersoll, Stephen Couch } Tything men

Surveyors of highways
†Jared Bradley
†Daniel Willcox
†John Couch Jr
†Ephraim Sheldon

Fence Viewers
Levi Nye, Oliver West
Thomas Beecher

Hog-reeves
†Joseph Bradley
†David Hamling
†Samuel Couch
†Levi Robinson

Daniel Willcox Pound keeper —

Voted that Hogs run at large under the restrictions of the Law

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Field Drivers

†Lemuel Barlow
‡Jacob Winegar
†Christopher Hurlbut
Daniel Church Senr

Surveyors of lumber

†John Crosby Jr
†Joseph Wyllys
†Stephen Tobey
†Samuel Porter

Sealer of Wts & measures

†Nathan Dillingham

Sealer of Leather

Sylvanus Dimmuck

Wood corders

†Aron Graham
†Benjamin Stevens

James Gifford Sexton

Nathl Bassett to sweep the meeting house

NB Those with this † mark are sworn to office

Voted to raise ninety pounds for Mr Hydes sallary and pay arrearages.
Voted to raise eighty pounds to defray Town charges.
Voted to raise one hundred and fifty pounds to repair highways
Voted that the road from the Gibbs farm (so calld) thro'Jared Bradley's land be a pent road that is with Gates or bars so long as the Town shall think fit
Voted that the road from Ebenr Squiers to the road leading to the red school house be Discontinued
Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of Apl next at two O Clock afternoon

Annual April meeting Monday April 4th 1796
Votes brought in for Governor, Lt Governor & Senators
Governor—For The Hond Increase Sumner 64 votes
Lt Governor—For the Hond Moses Gill 63
For Senators
John Bacon Esq—65
Thompson J. Skinner 65

Adjourn'd March meeting Monday Apl 4th 1796
The town met according to adjournment
Voted to pass over the 7th Article
Votes for County Register for the middle Destrict as follows
For Daniel Williams 25 votes
For Samuel Quincy 25 votes
For Eldad Lewis 3 votes
For Thaddeus Thompson 1 vote—
Voted to procede and Finish the meeting house as it now is
Voted to reconsider the last vote with regard to finishing the meeting house

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Voted that Individuals shall have the privilege of Finishing the meeting hous[e] and have the privilege of building piews in the porch allies and selling them toward defraying the Expence that may arise ——

Voted to raise £ 40 to support schools the ensueing year ——

Voted to Divide the school money by the list ——

Voted that Mr Hydes salary be paid to the Treasurer by the first day of Feb. next

Voted that the Town's money be paid to the Treasurer by the first day of Decr next

Voted that the school money be paid by the first of February ——

Voted that the price of labour on the highway be 4/6d for each faithful days work and the same for a team & plow or cart.

Voted that boys not 16 years old shall not be allow'd wages on the highways

Voted to reconsider the last vote, the wages be left to the Surveyors respecting boys ———

Adjourn'd this meeting to Tuesday the 3d day of May next at four O Clock afternoon ——

Adjourn'd March meeting—Tuesday May 3d 1796

The Town met according to Adjournment ———

Voted to accept of a highway of two rods wide from William Whitney to the high[way] by Archalaus Chadwick's on the line of David Ingersoll and Archalaus Chadwick's being 34 Rods long—William Whitney to pay Archs Chadwick 5 Dollars & David Ingersoll 4 Dollars

Voted that highway surveyors draw their pay from the T. Treasurer

Voted the[that] James Penoyer Repair the old bridge near his house for a foot bridge on his own expence ——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Tuesday of June at 4 O,Clock P. M. ———

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At a legal Town meeting Tuesday May 3d 1796 ———

Question put will the Town choose a representative for the ensueing year? Passd in the affirmative

Votes brought in as follows (viz) Josiah Yale 31—Ebenr Jenkins 19—Col Bradley 2—Choose Josiah Yale———

Tuesday, June 14th 1796 Adjourned March meeting Opened

Choose Deacon Nye Moderator Capt Yale absent

Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to view bridges in Town and ascertain the money that requires to be expended on bridges and make report at the next meeting ———

Choose John Couch Jr Nathan Dillingham and Levi Nye for the above Committee ————

Dissolv'd

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At a legal Town meeting on Monday July 11th 1796

Choose Capt Nathan Dillingham Moderator for sd Meeting ———

Question put; will the town rebuild the bridge near Jedh Crockers ?
Pass'd in the affimative ———

Voted to reconsider the last mentioned vote

Voted to build a bridge East of Job Hamlins Saw mill on the County road across the brook ———

Voted to build a bridge over the brook on the new county road between Seth Backus's and Abm Finney's ———

Voted to rebuild the bridge over the brook by Hall's old Potash [factory?] East of Walley Backus's farm ——

Voted to build a bridge over a gully West of Thomas Ewer ———

Voted to rebuild the bridge near Aron graham's

Question put, will the town build a bridge over the river near Jam. Penoyer's ? Pass'd in the Negative

Voted to raise £ 80 to build and repair bridges as above voted—to be laid out at the direction of the Selectmen ———

Voted to Choose a Committee to superintend each bridge
Jedediah Crocker for Hamblin's bridge
Levi Nye the New County road bridge
John Howk the Potash bridge
Thomas Ewer his bridge
Joseph Whiton Grahams bridge

Dissolved the meeting ——

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At a legal Town meeting Monday Septr 5th 1796

Votes brought in for a Federal Representative for the Western District for Congress—as follows (viz)

For Ephraim Williams Esqr	130
For Barnabas Bidwell Esq.	3
For Hon Thompson J. Skinner	1—

At a Legal Town Meeting Monday Septr 5th 1796

Choose Josiah Yale Moderator for sd Meeting ——

Dissolv'd the meeting

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At a Legal Town meeting, Monday Novr 7th 1796

Choose Capt Josiah Yale Moderator

Voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour ———

Meeting Opened according to adjournment ——

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Question put, will the town build a new meeting house provided a Committee hereafter can agree with those persons who own piews to the acceptance of the Town ? Pass'd in the affirmative ———

Voted to Choose a committee of twelve men for the above purpose ——

Choose Josiah Yale, John Nye, Enoch Garfield, Levi Nye, Seth Abbot , Elisha Freeman, Nathan Ball, Nathan Bassett, Jedh Crocker, Joseph Whiton, Edmund Hinkley, David Ingersoll. ———

Voted to pass over the 3d Article

Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to Mercy Backus's circumstances

Choose Elisha Freeman, Jedh Crocker & Levi Nye ———

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday 21st Instant two O clock P. M.

Monday Novr 21st 1796 The town met according to adjournment

Choose Capt John Nye Moderator (Capt Yale absent)

Voted that the selectmen settle with Mr Stephen Tobey for keeping Mercy Backus the year past and take the remains of her property for the use of the Town and provide her a place of Residence and whenever her uneasiness is Discover'd for her to apply to the selectmen for a new place

Voted that Martha Deen, Hannah Levite (as Poor) be submitted to the Selectmen for a fatherly care ———

Dissolv'd the meeting

———

At a legal Town meeting on Monday the 7th of Novr 1796

Votes brought in for an Elector for President [&] Vice President as follows

For Truman Wheeler Esq—103 votes
For David Roseter Esq — 4 votes
For Thomas Ives Esq — 1 vote

Votes brought in for a Federal Representative

For Ephraim Williams Esq — 98 votes
For Barnabas Bidwell Esq — 21 votes
For Thompson J. Skinner Esq 3 votes

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At a legal Town meeting on Monday the 21st Novr 1796

Votes brought in for a Representative to Congress for the first Western Destrict in the room of Theodore Sedgwick Esq.

For Ephraim Williams Esq. 35
For Barnabas Bidwell Esq 13
For Thompson J. Skinner Esq 2
For John Bacon Esq 1 ——

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Annual March Meeting, Monday March 6th AD 1797.

Choose Esq Jenkins Moderator

Selectmen—
John Nye
†Archalaus Chadwick
Joseph Whiton ——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Nathan Dillingham's
The Town met according to Adjournment —

Choose Daniel Willcox Town Cler[k.]

Choose Nathan Dillingham Town Treasurer

Nathan Ball Minister Treasurer

Chose Abraham Howk Constable who undertook to Collect the Taxes the ensueing year for 12 Dollars on the hundred pound and Daniel Church and John Howk became surety for the faithful discharge of his duty

Tythingmen
Nath[l] Bassett
Jesse Clark
David Ingersoll —

Surveyors of highways —
Josiah Yale
Nath[n] Ball Jr
Jared Bradley
Eben[r] West
Jedediah Crocker
Nathan Bassett
Rufus Stanton
Freeman Mosier

Voted that the Surveyors of highways attend with their men and their demand (after deducting their Taxes) to draw out of the Town Treasurer —

Fence viewers
†John Hulett
†Josiah Willoughby
Eben[r] West
Elijah West

Voted that Hogs Run at large under the restrictions of the Law —

Hog Reeves
†Benjan Stevens
Christopher Hurlbut
†Levi Robinson
†Josiah Willoughby

Field drivers
†Lem[l] Barlow
Stephen Dexter
Jacob Penoyer
Ab[m] Perry
David Stephens
Lodowick Gardner
Benj[n] Hinkley
David Ingersoll

Surveyors of Lumber
†John Crosby Jr
†John Hulett

Sealer of Wt[s] & measures
Nathan Dillingham

Sealer of Leather
Sam[l] Chadwick

Wood Corders
Tho[s] Shaw
†John Hulett

James Gifford Sexton

Peter Willcox Pound keeper

Nath[l] Bassett to take Care of the Meeting house

N.B Those with this † mark are sworn to office

Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to settle with the Treasurers
Chose Edmund Hinkley, John Nye, and Eben[r] Jenkins Esq

Voted to raise 300 Dollars for the support of the Gospel the ensueing year
Voted to raise 300 Dollars to defray Town debts ——
Voted to raise 200XDollars to support Schools the ensueing year ——
Voted to reconsider the last vote and in the room thereof to raise 150 Dollars
Voted to raise 500 Dollars to repair highways ——

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Voted to allow an account of Dr Sergeant of £ 3—11 for visits & medicine administered to Jonathan West in his Last sickness ———

Voted to allow Nathan Ball Jr 5 Dollars for Collecting a Minister tax for 1795

Voted to allow Josiah Yale 5 Dollars for horse hire and expences and time in attending Court at Northampton ‡ ———

Voted to Choose Esq Jenkins an Ageant to attend Court in consequence of an Indictment against the Town by James Penoyer

Voted that the above Ageant be directed to Petition the Court to discontinue a County road from Edward Willcox's to Gt Barrington line —

Voted to vendue Marcy Backus a Towns poor by the week, if sick to be allowed in proportion by the Town—bid off by Saml Porter for the Term of One Year at 5/9d Per week

Lois West Daughter of Jonathan West Deceas d a Towns Poor bid off by Saml Jones at 1/1 Per week to be Cloth d at the expence of the Town Lydia another of the same poor bid off by Wm Sturges at 1/3 the Consideration Alvan brother to the two last bid of at 1/3 pr week bid of by Saml Porter

Voted to Reconsider the Vote in Choosing Abm Howk Constable and Choose Ephm Williams in his room at 12 Dollars on the £ 100 Elisha Crocker & Nathan Ball became surety for the faithful discharge of his duty ——

Adjourned this meeting to the first monday of Apl at 9 o clock A M.

Adjourn,d March Meeting

Monday April 3d 1797 The Town met according to Adjournment

Voted that the price of highway labour be 4/6d pr day and the same for a team & Cart or Plough until the first day of Octr next, from thence 2/6 pr day ——

Voted to discontinue the old road, from the County road leading to the Furnace, To James Penoyers South line ——

Marcy Backus being uneasy with living at Saml Porters Voted that the Selectmen Provide for her ———

Voted that the Money to defray Town Charges be paid by the first of Decr next School money to be paid by the first of Feby next

Voted that Ministerial money be paid to the Treasurer by the first of Feb next

Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to view the spot for a † bridges near James Penoyers & Elijah Ingersolls and Compute the Cost of building Each bridge and make a report at May meeting

Voted that the Ageant Chosen to attend to an Indictment brought against the Town by James Penoyer Act according to his Judgment ——

Voted that the two timbers Carried from Mr Balls bridge (so call d) by the water be return,d by the Person who will Do it for the least by vendue

‡ "Nor'hhampton" in MS. † Sic.

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—bid off by Saml. Jones at 47/d to be return,d to the sd. bridge by the tenth day of June next ———

Drew Saml. Porter to Serve as Grand Juror the ensueing Year ——

Voted that the highway Tax the present year be made up on the old valuation ——

Voted that the Selectmen take a new valuation the Present Year ——

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to May meeting—at One o Clock P. M.

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Annual April Meeting Monday April 3d 1797

Votes brought in for Governor, Lt. Governor & Senators as follows

For Governor Hond Increase Sumner 48 votes-Hond James Syllavan 1 vote
Lt. Governor–Hon d Moses Gill— 44 votes
Senators William Williams Esq—32 — Thos. Ives Esq 19 votes
David Rosseter 8 votes–John Bacon Esq 4 votes Ephm. Williams1 vote-

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Adjourn'd March Meeting Monday May 1—1797

The Town met according to adjournment ———

Voted to build a bridg across the river near James Penoyer's, that is on the new road ———

Voted to build a bridge a Cross the river between Wm. Ingersoll's & Elijah Ingersoll's ——

Voted to Discontinue a road from John Crosby's Jr, to the bridge across the brook ———

Voted to allow Dr. Thompson six dollars for medicine to Jonn. Wests family &c —

Voted to build the two above bridges with wood ———

Voted to raise £ 70 for the building of them

Voted to Choose a Committee of two men to superintend the building the above bridges

Choose James Penoyer for the bridge near his house—Choose Jos. Bradley · J. Penoyer Excus d

Choose E. Garfield to superintend the other bridge to be work'd at 4/d pr. day & same for a team

Each bridge to be 12 feet wide to be built by the first of Sept next ——

Voted that Ben Stevens have the liberty to work out his last years highway tax this year

Voted to Choose Wm. Iugersoll Jr. to superintend the building of the bridge across the river near his house—Enoch Garfield Excus,d —

Voted to Choose David Ingersoll a surveyor of highways in addition to the

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others ——

Voted that two of the selectmen view the road from John Couches to the Cove bridge respecting Grievances to Stephen Couch and make a report–

Desolv,d the meeting

At a legal Town meeting on Monday May 1st 1797

Votes brought in for a Representative to General Court the ensueing Year were as follows for Ebenr Jenkins Esq 15 for Seth Abbot 2 votes for Jared Bradley 1 for Joseph Whiton 1—for Capt Josiah Yale 29 and Chosen ———

At a Legal Town meeting Monday July 10th 1797

Choose Coll Jared Bradley Moderator ——

Desolv,d the meeting

At a legal Town meeting Monday Decr 4th 1797

Choose Joseph Whiton Moderator ———

Question put will the Town build a meeting-house ? pass'd in the affirmative.

Voted to Choose a Committee of five to draw a plan of a new meeting house & present it to the town at a future meeting ——

Choose Josiah Yale, Levi Nye, Nathan Bassett, Archalaus Chadwick & Joseph Whiton for the above committee ———

Question put will the Town agree to have but one exercise on the Sabbath the ensueing winter ? Pass'd in the negative ———

Adjourn'd to the second Monday [in Jan.] at one o Clock P. M.

Monday Jan'y 8th 1798 The Town met according to adjournment

Voted to reconsider the vote pass'd in Decr last respecting building a meeting house ——

Dissolv,d the meeting.

At a legal Town meeting Monday Jany 8th 1798

Choose Joseph Whiton Moderator for sd meeting —

Voted to pass over the second article in the Warrant

Dissolv,d the meeting.

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Annual March Meeting. Monday March 5th 1798

Choose John Nye Moderator

Choose Daniel Willcox Town Cler[k]

†John Nye
†Arch^s Chadwick } Select men
Joseph Whiton

Nathan Dillingham Town Treasurer
†Nathl Bassett Minister Treasurer

Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to settle with the Treasurers —
Choose Joseph Whiton John Nye & Jared Bradley

Choose Ephm [Williams] Constable who undertook to Collect The taxes for ten Dollars on the hundred pound Nathan Ball & Elisha Crocker became surety for the faithful discharge of his duty—

Nathan Ball
Eben^r Squire
Jedediah Crocker } Tything men
†Benjamin Stevens

Voted to adopt the additional act passd Feb. 1797 with respect to highways for the ensueing Year—

NB Those of this mark † are sworn to office

Surveyors of highways
Samuel Jones
Jesse Clark
†John Starnes
Benjamin Hinkley
Jared Bradley
Elisha Freeman
Abn Perry
†Josiah Crocker

Fence Viewers
Isaac Davis
†Benjn Stevens
John Howk
Elijah West
David Baker

Hogreeves
Nathan Bassett
†Freeman Mosier
†Seth Barden
Saml Jones

Field drivers
David Baker
†Joseph Hinkley
†Stephen Dexter
Saml Porter

Surveyors of Lumber
†John Crosby Jr
Stephen Tobey
†John Thatcher
†Archalaus Chadwick

Nathan X Dillingham Sealer of Wts & measures

Sealer of Leather
Samuel Chadwick
†Stephen Conch

Wood Corders
Eben^r Jenkins Esq
†Reuben Marsh

Sealer of Wts and measures
Nathl Bassett Nathan Dillingham
Excus d

Voted that hogs run at large under the restrictions of the Law —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at 10 O Clock A M.

At a legal town meeting Monday March 19th 1798
Choose Capt John Nye Moderator
Voted that the small Pox be set up by innoculation in this town under certain restrictions.

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Voted to Choose a Committee of 3 men to attend to the safety of spreading the contagious disorder. Josiah Yale Wm Ingersoll and David Porter for the above Committee

Voted that the Committee give liberty to have the small pox in three several places as they shall think expedient ——

Voted that no person innoculate after fourteen days from the date

Voted to add to the above Committee, Jesse Clark, Joseph Whiton for the addition.

Voted that those who innoculate pay the Committee for their trouble

Desolv,d the meeting

———

Adjourn,d March Meeting

Monday April 2d 1798 The Town met according to Adjournment

Choose James Gifford Sexton, & to assist at the interment with tools

Daniel Willcox Pound keeper

Choose Benjamin Stevens Surveyor of highways [Col Bradley Excus'd]‡

Votes brought in for County Treasurer as follows

For Barnabas Bidwell Esq 39 Votes ——

†Choose Josiah Yale Esq Selectman. [Joseph Whiton]excus d‡

Voted to Choose a Committee of three disinterested Persons to propose a place for a road across the river near Esq Ingersolls

Esq Goodwin Lt Newel of Lenox Mr Elisha Bradley of Stockbridge for the above Committee.

Voted that the selectmen attend to Calling out this Committee & inform them of the business ———

Voted to raise £ 80 for the support of the Gospel

Voted to reconsider the last vote with respect to raising money

Voted to raise 500 Dollars to repair highways

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of May next at one o Clock P. M.

———

At a Legal Town meeting Apl 2d 1798

Votes brought in for Governor, Lt Governor & Senators

For Governor Hon,d Increase Sumner 59 votes

Lt Governor Moses Gill — 51 votes

Senators

William Williams, Esq. 45 Votes

John Bacon Esq — 8 Votes

Thomas Ives — 31 Votes

David Rosseter — 4 Votes

‡The bracketed words are in the original.

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At a Legal Town Meeting Monday Apl 4—1798 [Apl. 2]
Choose Archalaus Chadwick Moderator
Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of May at 10 o Clock A. M.
At a Legal Town meeting Monday May 7th 1798
Opened and adjourn,d to 3 o Clock present day
The Town met according to Adjournment
Question put, will the Town Choose a representative the present Year ?
Choose Josiah Yale ——

Adjourn'd April meeting Monday May 7th 1798
The Town met according to adjournment ———
Voted to raise $150 for support of schools the ensueing year ——
Voted that the Assessors make up the minister Tax according to law —
Voted to pass over the 7th article
Voted to pass over the 8th article
Voted to adjourn this meeting to 5 O Clock Present day

Town met according to adjournment
Voted to Divide the school money by the list or Estate
Voted to pass over the 4 article
Dissolvd the meeting

———

Adjourn,d March meeting, Monday May 7th 1798
The town met according to adjournment ——
Voted to adjourn this meetin for one hour ——
The Town met according to Adjournment
Voted to discontinue the road from a little west of the red school house westward, to the cross road from Rufus Stauton to the Forge ——
Voted to accept the road from James Penoyers across the river to the County road leading to the furnace agreeable to D. Willcox's minutes and is two rods wide Aud to allow Seth Backus $2—for the land on his side ——
(Voted to Choose a Committee or an Ageant to Petition the Court of Sessions to Discontinue the road laid by a County Committee from the shaker road to Barrington line) ———
Voted to reconsider the last vote ———
Voted to raise $100 in addition to support the Gospel ——
Voted to allow Deacon West $30 for Damages of a road leading through his land
Voted to raise $250 to Defray Town Charges ———
Voted to raise $300 in addition to highway money & to repair bridges
Voted to Choose a Committee of 3 men to assist the surveyors of highways at the repairing the two great bridges near the meeting house & near

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the Forge
Deacon Nye, Saml Porter & John Hulett for the Committee ———
Dissolv,d the meeting.

At a legal Town meeting mo[n]day May 4th 1798‡
Choose John Nye moderator —
Voted to Direct a Committee to lay a road, to, and from the river by the great rock so call'd near Esq Ingersoll that is from the North, to the South road leading to Stockbridge ———
Voted that the Selectmen be the above Committee ———
Voted to reconsider a vote pass'd at an adjourn'd march meeting last respecting Discontinueing a road from the red school house westward to the cross road leading to the Forge from Rufus Stantons
Voted that Delinquents on highway & bridge bills have the Liberty of working out their arrears under the direction of the present Surveyors
Dissolved the meeting

At a legal Town meeting on Wednesday Septr 5th 1793
Choose John Nye Moderator ——
Question put, Will the Town accept of a road from William Ingersoll Jr,s to Elijah Ingersoll that is by the Great Rock? Pass'd in the negative —
Dissolved the meeting.

At a legal Town meeting on monday Sept 1798 [Day of month omitted.]
Choose Josiah Yale moderator
Voted to discontinue a road from Elijah Ingersoll's across the river to Wm Ingersoll Jrs —
Voted to lay out the money rais,d to build the bridge under the direction of the Select men
Dissolv'd the meeting

At a legal Town meeting on monday Novr 5th 1798
Choose John Nye Moderator
Voted to raise $200 to repair roads & bridges
Voted to allow 50 Cents pr day for a man & the same for a team
Voted[to]Choose a Committee of three men to superintend the laying out the above money ——
Choose Jared Bradley, David Porter & Josiah Yale
Dissolv.d

‡Undoubtedly a mistake for Monday, June 4th.

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At a legal Town meeting on monday the 5th of Novr 1798
Votes brought in for a representative to Congress for the first Western Destrict as follows
Hon,d Theodore Sedgwick — 72
Barnabas Bidwell — 1
Thomas Ives — —

At a legal town meeting, Monday Jany 7th 1799
Choose Josiah [Yale] moderator
Voted to Pass over the second article
Voted to build a new meeting house if the Town can agree on forms Second Articles brought up —
Vot[ed] to submit proprietors claims of Piews in the present meeting house to a committee that shall be chosen from other Towns to determin the compensation they shall have on relinquishing there claim —
Choose William Walker Esq. Genl Silas Pepoon & Dr Oliver Partridge for the above Committee ——
Choose a Committee of four men to wait on the above Committee ——
Choose David Porter, Joseph Whiton, Ebenr Jenkins Esq and Levi Nye for that purpose
Adjourn d to monday the 28th instant at 10 O Clock A M.

Monday Jan,y 28th 1799 The Town met according to adjournment
Choose John Nye Moderator (Josiah Yale Absent).
Qnestion Put Will the Town accept of the report of a committee to adjust the claims of Piew proprietors in the Present meeting house
Pass,d in the affirmative—The Report of said committee is as follows
Do give it as our opinion that the said Town pay to the holders of right of Piew ground in their meeting house the sum of Five hundred Dollars in consequence they relinquish their Claims to the same as individuals–
Sign,d — Wm Walker
Silas Pepoon
Oliver Partridge
Voted to Choose a Committee of 5 men to get Plans & prices of other meeting houses and Report to the Next meeting ——
Choose Jos Whiton, Nathan Dillingham, James Penoyer David Ingersoll & Nathan Bassett for the above Committee ——
Desolv,d

Annual March Meeting, Monday March 4th 1799
Choose Josiah Yale Moderator. Josiah Yale excus d
Choose Joseph Whiton in his room.

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Choose Danl. Wilcox Town Clerk

Selectmen
Josiah Yale
John Nye
Joseph Whiton

Town Treasurer
Nathan Dillingham

Minister Treasurer.
Nathaniel Bassett

Constable
†Samuel Porter who undertook to collect the taxes for eight dollars on the hundred Pound. Abraham Perry, & Eli Bradley became his surety —

Tything men
Abraham Hall [Excusd]. Choose Squire Stone
†John Hulett
†John Gifford
†Asael Bradley

Surveyors of high ways
†Ebenezer West
†Jared Bradley
†Levi Robinson
†Isaac Howk
†David Ingersoll
†Isaac Davis
†Moses Hall
†Ebenr Jenkins Jr

NB Those with this † mark are sworn to office

Fence viewers
†Abraham Perry
†Samuel Couch
Eli Bradley
†Samuel Jones
Elijah West

Hog-reeves
†Joshua West
†Nathan Ball
†Ebenezer Squier
†Abraham Perry

Field-drivers
†Samuel Davis
†Benjamin Stevens
†Samuel Porter
†Christopher Hurlbut

Surveyors of Lumber
†John Thatcher
†Samuel Hulet
†Ancel Bassett
†John Crosbey Jr

Sealer of Leather
†Sylvanus Dimmuck

Wood Corders
William Whitney

Sealer of weights & measures
†Nathaniel Bassett

Sexton
James Gifford —

Votes for County Treasurer for Barnabas Bidwell Esq 38 votes ——

Voted to pass over the 4th article in the warrant

Voted to choose a Committee on accounts for the last & ensueing year to settle with the select-men & report at the next meeting a statement of the last years accounts & standing.

Choose Jared Bradley, Ebenr Jenkins Esq. & Nathan Bassett.

Voted to pass over the fifth & sixth articles in the warrant

Voted to adopt the plan of Richmond meeting house as exhibited by the Committee for that purpose for a patter[n] for the Town of Lee to build after

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday the 12th instant at one O Clock P. M.

Tuesday March 12th 1799 The Town met according to adjournment.

Voted to adjourn to Nathan Dillingham's to open immediately

Opened according to adjournment.

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Voted to reconsider the vote respecting a committee on accounts where as Jared Bradley & Ebenezer Jenkins Esq was the above Committee

Voted to Choose a Committee of 3 men to settle with the Treasurers for two years past & the year ensueing. Choose Jared Bradley, Ebenr Jenkins Esq. and Nathan Bassett for the above Committee ——

Voted to raise 225 Dollars for support of schools including Hoplands

Voted to build a meeting house by a Tax.

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to Friday next at one o Clock P. M. at the meeting house

Friday March 15th 1799 The town met according to adjournment —

Voted to set the new meeting house north of the old one so far as to have the north part of sd house extend to the north line of the common Land, & to be a little distance westerly

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of Apl next at 9 O Clock A M.

Monday Apl 1st 1799 The Town met according to adjournment

4 Article brought up —— —— ——

Voted to raise 250 Dollars to defray Town Charges

Voted to allow 66 Cents pr day for highway labor & the same for a good Team & plow or Cart each day being faithfully perform'd and for the remainder of the year 33 Cents pr Day

Voted to raise 500 Dollars to repair high ways & Bridges

Voted that the Assessors make up the highway tax by the old valuation by making such alterations as shall come to there knowledge ——

Voted to Divide the school money by interest or the Taxes that is each District Draw their own money ——

Voted to reconsider the last vote respecting a division of school money and the matter lye on the Table 'til May meeting

Voted to Choose a Committee of six men to appoint a day & give invitation for the inhabitants to carry Mr Hyde wood voluntarily

Choose John Nye Josiah Yale, David Ingersoll, Joseph Whiton Nathan Dillingham, & Cornelius Bassett for the above Committee

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour.

The Town met according to adjournment.

Voted to reconsider the vote respecting building a meeting house by a Tax

Voted to build a Meeting house by Classing the Piews

Voted to Choose a Committee of 3 men to class the Piews & estimate the same as an everage ———

Choose Josiah Yale, Jedediah Crocker, Rowland Thatcher, Joseph Whiton Joseph Crocker for the above Committee and Report at May meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of May next at noon —

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At a legal Town meeting on Monday Apl. 1st 1799.

Votes brought in for Governor, Lt Governor & Senators
For Governor, Hon'd Increase Sumner 72 Votes
For Lt. Governor Hond. Moses Gill — 63 Votes
Senators David Rosseter Esq — 74 Votes
Wm. Williams Esq — 74 Votes —

Monday May 7th [6th] 1799 The Town met according to adjournment

Voted to choose a committee of three men to say what Cape-street Destrict shall have of the Town's school money more than what they pay—

Choose Archalaus Chadwick, David Ingersoll, & John Nye for the above Committee Reported none

March 26th 1798 Joseph whiton. John Nye & Jared Bradley a Committee to settle with Josiah Yale Minister Treasure[r] on a settlement found the whole ballanced ———

May 6th 1799 Jared Bradley, Ebenr. Jenkins & Nathan Bassett a Committee to settle with the Town & Minister Treasurers
Found due from the Town Treasurer $301,52,3.—And found due from the Minister Treasurer $259,22,4. ——

Voted raise $350 to support the Gospel for the ensueing year —

Voted Remit the following Minister Taxes in the hands of Ephm. Williams Phineas Graves $0.49, Appolos King $0.89, John Nash $0.42.

Voted to Discontinue a piece of pent road on Col. Bradley's land on the mountain near E. Menters ——

Voted to Divid[e] the school money by interest, each destr[ict] draw what they pay

Voted to adjourn for 15 minutes——Met accor[dingly.]

Voted to reconsider the vote in build[ing] a meeting house after the plan of long wall Piews ———

Voted to build a meeting house after the plan of short wall piews

Voted to Choose a Committee of 4 men to Get subscribers for the several Classes for Piews ——

Choose Rowland Thatcher, Nathan Bassett, Jedediah Crocker & John Nye for the above Committee ———

Voted that this Committee make a report within two Months
Desolv'd the meeting ——

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At a legal Town meeting on Monday May 6th 1799 —
Votes brought in for a Representative to General Court
For Capt Jos Whiton — 38 votes
For Josiah Yale Esq. — 11
For Col. Jared Bradley — 5 —
Choose Capt Joseph Whiton for a representative ——

At a Legal Town meeting on Thursday 27th June 1799.
Choose Josiah Yale Moderator
Voted that Thomas Northrop & his wife Towns poor be left to the discretion of the Select men ——
Voted that the situation of Saml. Tilley's children be left to the care of the selectmen —
Voted Saml. Tilley & his wife be left to the care of the select men —
Voted to allow James Austin 4/6 pr week for keeping Mercy Backus —
Voted that Lois west a Town's poor be left with the selectmen to provide for.——
Voted to give up the old meeting house to the proprietors of the new meeting house by their paying the Town five hundred dollars —
Desolv,d the meeting ——

At a legal Town meeting on Monday Octr 7th 1799
Choose Joseph Whiton Moderator —
Voted that Ebenr Swift and his property be under the direction of the Select[men] ——
Voted that Anne Barden be left with the selectmen to attend to.
Voted that Marcy Backus be at the disposal of the selectmen & to sell so much of her property as they shall think proper.
Voted that the price of her board be five shillings pr week. ———
Voted that Saml. Tilleys child living at Nathl Hamlins be left in the Care of the Selectmen.
Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to inspect the work done by Timothy Thatcher for Saml. Chadwick on a Caus way near his house & report the Damage to sd Chadwick to the Select[men] for reimbursment—Choose Jared Bradley, John Hulet, & Jedh Crocker for the above Committee ——
Voted to pass over the 4th Article —
Voted to Choose a Committee of four men as a Committee to go to every individual in Town & get his idea in writing what way he chooses to build a meeting house ——

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Choose Enoch Garfield, Wm Ingersoll, Jesse Clark & Joseph Bradley for the above Committee

Voted to Choose two Committee men more for the above purpose — Choose John Gifford & Jonathan Foot Jr

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the third monday of Octr instant at one o'clock P. M.

Monday October 21st 1799 The Town met according to adjournment —

Voted to reconsider the Vote pass,d last April respecting building a meeting house by Classing the Piews.

Voted to build a meeting-house by a Tax

Voted to build a meeting house after the plan of Richmond meeting house excepting one foot shorter ——

Voted to raise the meeting house & enclose it with a good covering in the Year 1800 and to Complete the house in the Year AD 1801 ——

Dissolv,d

———

Legal Town meeting on Tuesday Novr 5th 1799

Choose Joseph Whiton Moderator ——

Voted to raise $2500 to build a meeting house

Voted to Choose a Committee of five men to superintend the building Choose Josiah Yale, John Nye, John Hulet, Enoch Garfield & Saml Porter for the above Committee ——

Desolv,d the meeting

———

At a legal Town meeting on Monday the Decr 16th 1799

Choose Joseph Whiton Moderator ———

Question put will the Town raise $30 Dollars to hire a singing master ? Pass'd in the negative

Voted to reconsider a vote pass,d Novr 5th last of raising $2500 to build a meeting house ———

Voted to reconsider a vote pass,d October 21 last of building a meeting house by a Tax

Voted to build a meeting house by Vendueing the Piews ——

Voted to reconsider a vote of the structer of the inside of a new meeting house but Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to draw a plan of a new meeting house and lay it before the Town at the next meeting —

Choose Josiah Yale, Joseph Whiton & John Hulett for the above Committee

Voted that all Town meetings be opened within the hour specified in the warrant ———

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday next at one o Clock P. M.

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Legal Town meeting on Monday Decr 23 1799
Choose Josiah Yale Moderator ———

Voted to accept of the plan of a meeting house as drawn on the next page

Voted to have two seats in front of 2½ feet wide
Voted to reserve Piew No 9 for the use of the minister
Voted to vendue the Piews & if there does not money enough arise by bidders to build a meeting house, the Town to pay the remainder, but if more to be refunded to the Town ——

Choose Dr Erastus Sergeant Jr Clerk Protempore
Voted that proprietors of Piews shall hold their pews so long as the majority of the Town shall think it convenient for a house of Public worship
Voted that no person shall hold two Piews by bidding but shall sell one (if a buyer appears)at the first Cost ———
Voted that no Proprietor shall use his Piew in an indecent manner
Voted to Choose a Committee of five men to superintend the building of said meeting house.
Choose Josiah Yale, Joseph Whiton, Seth Backus, Nathan Dillingham and Nathan Bassett for the above Committee ——
Voted that the Committee shall appoint Each mans lot of materials for the purpose of building.
Voted that no man have a right to transfer a Piew until paid for, and if not paid two thirds by the first day of Decr 1800 And the other third by the first day of Decr 1801 the property to revert back to the Town —
Choose Joseph Whiton Vendue master ———
Voted that no man bid less than fifty Cents —
Adjourned too to morrow at 9 O Clock A. m.

Tuesday Decr 24th 1799 The Town met according to adjournment —
Choose the Select men to serve on accounts —
Voted to adjourn for half an hour——Met according to adjournment —
Voted that one man that bid off a Piew may have his name cros,d and another one inserted by both requesting the Town Clerk at once —
Voted not to Vendue Nos 1 & 18 at this time but be reserv,d to an other day
Adjourn d this meeting to monday next at 10 O Clock A. M.
Adjourn d Decr 16 Meeting to Monday next at one O Clock P. M.
Opened the last warn d meeting ———
Voted that the T. Clerk regulate the numbering of the Piews on the plan on the next page.
Voted to postpone vendueing the Gallery Piews for the present —
Dissolv,d the meeting —

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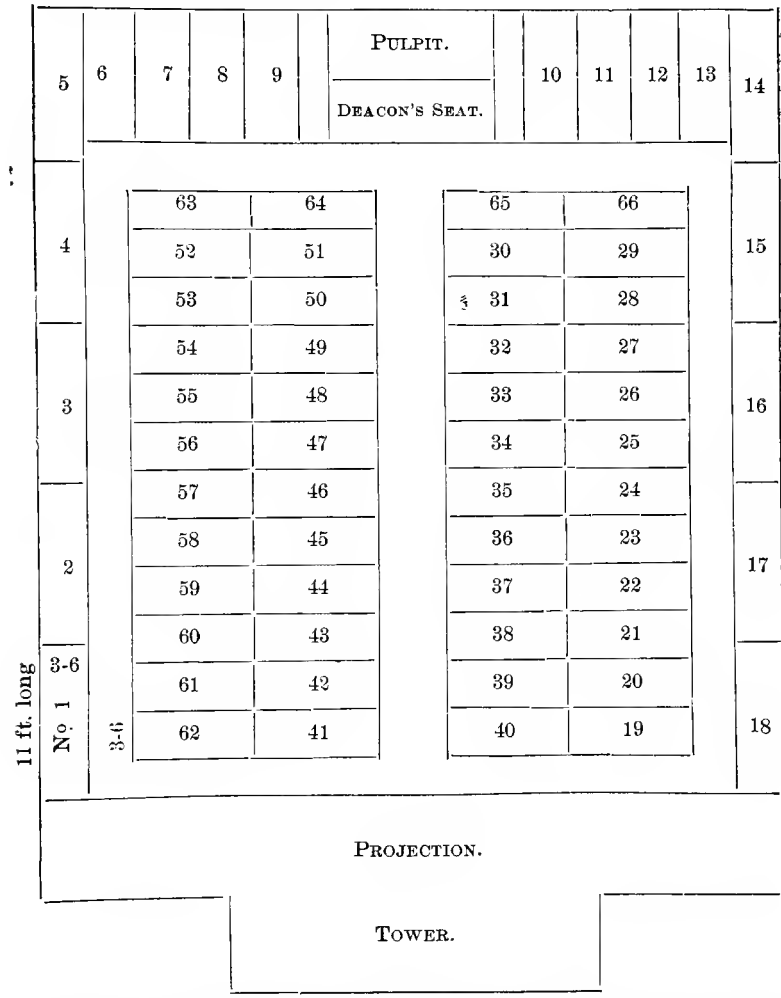
Plan of the Meeting house to be built in the town of Lee—as Voted by said Town.



This Plan supposes the Meeting house to be sixty four feet long and fifty feet wide The Posts to be twenty six feet long: Twenty two body Piews on each side of the broad Alley, and to be seven feet six inches long, and three feet six inches wide and two seats in front of the body

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Piews of 2½ feet wide—Ten wall Piews exclusive of the Pulpit end piews to be eleven feet long, and three feet six inches wide. The Piews at the pulpit end are seven feet long and three feet seven inches wide. The broad Alley is six feet wide the side Alleys are three feet six inches wide. The Alley in front of the body Piews four feet wide—The Alley in rear of the body Piews are three feet wide—Ten Piews in the Gallery eleven feet long, three feet six inches wide Three Piews back of the seats in the Tower of nine feet long and six feet wide, Otherwise to Pattern after the Meeting house in Richmond —

Inventory of the sale of Piews.

Mens Names	No.	Dl.	Cts.	Mens Names	No.	Dl.	Cts.
Samuel Jones —	10	55		John Couch Jr —	35	88	
Rowland Thatcher —	11	80		Joseph Whiton —	46	83	
John Crosbey Jr —	8	91		John Thatcher — —	25	57	50
Jesse Gifford —	7	81		Seth Backus —	36	89	50
Joseph Bradley —	6	65		John Nye — —	45	83	50
Samuel Davis —	13	65	50	Elisha Grant —	37	81	
Ebenezer West — —	30	99	50	Nathan Dillingham —	44	82	50
Samuel Porter —	51	95		Josiah Yale —	56	60	50
Sylvanus Dimmuck —	31	98		Cornelius Bassett Senr	24	52	50
Nathan Bassett —	50	91		Moses Hall —	57	50	
Levi Nye — —	32	90	50	Seth Backus — —	16	74	50
Elisha Freeman —	49	86		Benjamin Stevens —	3	77	
Josiah Yale — —	33	84		Joseph Hinkley —	23	53	50
Ebenezer Jenkins Jr —	48	84	50	Levi Robinson — —	58	55	50
Joseph Bradley —	29	61		Ancel Bassett —	22	52	50
Cornelius Hamblin —	52	60		Benjamin Hinkley —	59	53	50
Ichabod Backus —	28	61		John Gifford — —	17	70	
John Crosby & James Penoyer	53	61		Nathan Ball —	2	74	
				David Ingersoll — —	38	81	
Asael Foot —	27	52		Elisha Foot — —	43	80	
Samuel Chadwick —	54	53	50	Wm Sturges — — —	21	50	50
David Ingersoll —	4	67		Heman Hinkley — —	60	50	50
Fenner Foot — —	15	69		John Nye -- —	39	71	
Cornelius Bassett Jr —	5	55		Erastus Sergeant —	42	72	
David Baker & Joseph Crocker	14	56	50	Nathan Dillingham —	20	54	
				Archelaus Chadwick —	61	52	
Abraham Perry —	26	56	50	Josiah Yale — —	40	62	
Wm Ingersoll Jr. — —	55	51		Josiah Yale —	41	62	
Jonathan Foot Jr. —	47	84	50	Elias Humphrey — --	62	47	50
Benjn Stevens —	34	87		Nathaniel Bassett —	19	50	50

Adjourn,d meeting of Decr 16th Opened ——

Voted to provide 3200 feet of Oak Plank to Cover bridges of 14 feet long & 15 feet† inches wide & under & 3 Inches thick to be square Edged —

Voted to procure the above by Vendueing 300 hundred to be set up at a time——The payment to be made out of next years Tax

† Sic.

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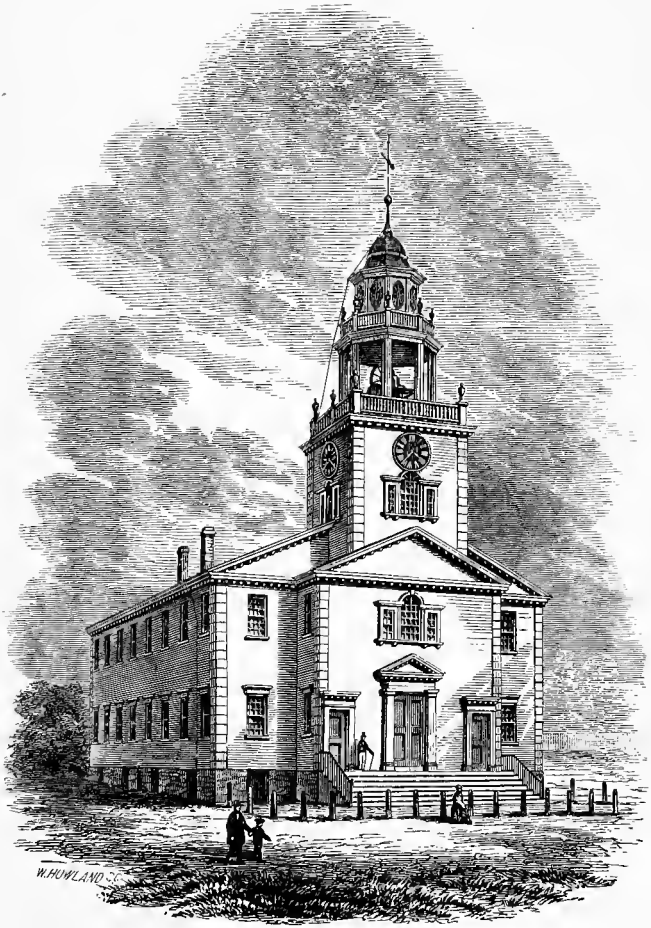

MEETING-HOUSE BUILT IN 1800.

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Said plank to be deliver,d at the several places by the first of May next
Dn Levi Ny Agreed to procure 300 feet deliver d at the Centre bridge for $1,65 pr hundred —
Job Hamblin agreed to procure the same quantity to be deliver d at the same place for the same price
Dn Levi Nye Agreed to procure 300 feet as above —
Isaac Davis agreed to procure 2000 feet at $1,69 pr hundred to be deliver d at the several bridges in the south part of the Town the whole to be deliver,d by the first of May next —

Dissolv,d the meeting ——

Legal Town meeting Monday Feb,y 10th 1800
Choose Josiah Yale Moderator ——
Question Put will the Town Choose a Committee from out of Town to say which of the two ways the Town shall build a meeting house, either by a Tax or by vendueing Piews ? Pass,d in the negative ——

Dissolv,d

Annual March meeting—Monday March 3d 1800 ——
Joseph Whiton Moderator ——
Daniel Wilcox Town Clerk

Selectmen

John Nye —
Excus d Archalaus ChadwickX
Jedediah Crocker —
Choose Enoch Garfield —

Town Treasurer —

†Nathl Bassett —

Minister Treasurer —

Nathl Bassett —

Adjourn d for one hour
Opened according to adjournment –

Constable

Saml Porter who undertook to collect the Taxes for $2,60 on the $100
Edmund Hinkley & John Crosby Jr became surety for the faithful discharge of his duty in said office —

Tythingmen

†Nathan Ball
Saml Hulet
Asael Foot
†Amos Roberts

Surveyors of highways

Wm Ingersoll Jr
Elijah Ingersoll
Jesse Clark
Timothy Thatcher
Joseph Bradley
David Foot
Abiathar Chadwick
Nathan Bassett
Ebenr West —

Fence Viewers

†Ebenr Jenkins Jr
Squire Stone
†Nathan Ball

Wood corders

†John Keep —
†Cornelius Bassett

Hog reeves

†Eli Bradley
Josiah Crocker
Isaac Howk
†John Starnes —
†John Gifford

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Field Drivers —
Jesse Bradley
David Baker
David Ingersoll
Elisha Grant

Surveyors of Lumber
†John Crosbey Jr
John Thatcher
Stephen Tobey
Archalaus Chadwick

Sealer of Wts & measures
†Sylvanus Dimmuck

Sealer of Leather
Nathaniel Bassett

Sexton
James Gifford

Those with this † mark are sworn to office ——
Voted to pass over the third article ——
Voted to pass over the fourth article
Voted to pass over the fifth article
Voted to pass over sixth article
Voted to pass over seventh article
Voted that Hogs run at large under the restrictions of the Law ——
Voted to Choose a Committee of three men on accounts
Choose Col. Bradley Josiah Yale & Archalaus Chadwick, the above committee
Adjourn d this meeting to the first monday of apl. next at Nine O clock AM.

Monday Apl 7th 1800 Meeting opened according to Adjournment —
Voted to pass over the third article
Voted to pass over the fourth article
Voted to pass over the fifth article—Pass,d over the sixth article
Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to Settle with The Town Treasurer
Choose Josiah Yale, Joseph Whiton & Nathan Bassett for the above Committee
Voted to rais $250 to defray Town Charges ——
Voted that the Select men make an estimate of money to repair highways and report at May meeting ——
Voted [to] raise $150 to support Schools the ensueing Year Exclusive of Hoplands
Voted to choose 4 School Ageants to appropriate the school money.
Choose Jared Bradley, Elijah West Cornelius Bassett Jr and John Gifford for the above Ageants— ———
Voted to Choose three more Hog reeves
Choose John Ball Isaa[c] Howk & Josiah Crocker —
Voted Excuse a Committee on accts Chosen March 3d 1800
Voted that the Select men to serve as above —
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of May next at Nine O clock A. M.

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Monday May 5th 1800 The Town met accordingly.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 3 O Clock P. M. Opened accordingly
Voted to raise $200 to support the Gospel
Voted to raise $400 to repair highways and bridges
Voted to allow $0,67 per day for man or team till the first of Octr next from thence $0,40 to the end of the year
Voted that 8 hours labor be considered as a faithful days work —
Desolved The meeting ——

———

Legal Town Meeting Monday April 7th 1800 —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to one O Clock P. M. same day
Opened according to adjournment——
Voted to adjourn for one hour——
Votes brought in for Governor Lt Governor & Senators
For Governor—Hond Caleb Strong,—106
Hon'd Moses Gill, — 8

Lt Governor Hond Moses Gill — 93 Votes —

Senators David Rosseter Esq — 72 Votes
Wm Williams Esq — 73 Votes
John Bacon Esq — 1 Vote —

Choose John Nye Moderator —

Voted to repair the Fence around the burying ground ——
Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to View the above Fence & make report at May Meeting ——
Voted that Danl Wilcox repair the Town Pound and bring in his Acct at May meeting ———
Voted that the Select men take care Widow Northrups poor things A[nd] take care of all poor people ———
Dissolv,d the meeting —

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Legal Town meeting Monday May 5th 1800

John Nye Moderator for sd meeting.
Voted to adjourn for one hour –
Voted to Choose a Committee of 5 men to purchase and lay out land for to set a new meeting house upon ——
Voted that the Committee Chosen by the Town to superintend the building of the new meeting house be the above Committee ———
Question put will the Town by 140 Square rods for the meeting house at Triangular form ? pass,d in the Negative

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Choose John Nye Moderator —

Voted to choose a Committee of seven men to confer with Majr Dillingham & others about Land for to set the meeting hous upon
Choose Jos Whiton Josiah Yale James Penoyer, Nathan Bassett Wm Ingersoll, Enoch Garfield & Rowland Thatcher

Voted to alter the method of raising money for building a meeting house– That is to build by Subscription (If four thousand dollars can be rais'd in that way) And reconsider the vote as to raising money by Vendueing Piews und[er] the above Exceptions & provision ———

Voted to buy the Triangular Piece of land for a Town Common at £ 50 —

Voted to Choose a Committee of 4 men to Get Subscription money ——
Choose John Nye Nathan Bassett David Porter & Elisha Freeman For the above Committee

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At a legal Town meeting on Monday Aug. 25th 1800

Choose Josiah Yale Moderator ——

Voted that Samuel Chadwick have a Choice in the seats in the new meet-meeting [house] for himself, Mother & sister ——

Voted to have the above vote recorded

Voted to reconsider the vote pass'd the sixteenth of Decr last respecting raising money by vendueing the Piews–to build the new meeting house–

Voted to build the meeting [house] by raising money by Subscriptions agreeable to the method now in contemplation —

Question put will the Town sell or swap any of the Towns common Pass,d in the negative. ———

Voted to raise fifty Pounds to pay P. & D. Wilcox for land ——

Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to attend to applications of Persons that may want land to erect sheds upon or any other buildings–
Desolv,d the meeting ——

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At a legal Town meeting on Monday Novr 3d 1800

Choose John Nye Moderator ——

Voted that the Selectmen employ a Surveyor to ascertain the lines of the highway from Stockbridge line, by the Forge to Tyringham line —

Votes brought in for Representative to Congress as follows

Ephm Williams Esq	—	53 Votes
John Bacon Esq	—	30
Elisha Lee Esq	—	12
Wm Williams Esq	—	1
Gideon Wheeler Esq	—	1 —

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Road-Surveys.

Beginning at a Stake standing 4 Rods W. of Seth Backus House and 2 Rods East of Glass Works Grant E. Line. thence W. 76 Rods to Peter Willcox's Land then S. 12 Deg. W. 38 Rods to a Stake and Stones standing on the E. Line. and is marked on the East side of the Road.

Accepted. ——

Surveyed and laid out a highway for merly laid and Accepted begining at Rock and stones on it near Hans Winegar's Dwelling House which is a Bound of the aforesaid High Way then S. 45 Deg. W. 30 Rods to a White Ash mark'd H. then S. 36 Deg. W. 34 Rods-to a Stake and Stones in John Stevens's North Line then S. 9 Deg. W. 28 Rods to a Stake and stones then S. 31 Deg. W. 19 Rods to a stake and stones then S. 5 Deg. E. 28 Rods to a stake and stones—then S. 54 Deg. W. 20 Rods to a White Ash mark'd H. then S. 19 Deg. W. 44 Rods to a stake and stones—then S. 39 Deg. W. 14 Rods to a stake and stones: then S. 6 Deg. W. 44 Rods and joins a highway formerly laid out and Accepted = by us = Amos Porter, Saml Stanley } Select men

Accepted. ——

Beginning at a Beach Stump at the end of a Road layed near G. Barrington near Glass Works Grant Line runs North 13 Deg. W 21 Rods to a Hemlock. this Survey is

Accepted.

[On another page of the Records, the following more complete "survey-bill" of this road is given.]

A Road Laid out By Capt Jesse Bradley & Mr Wm Ingersoll And Surveyed by Prince West is as follows Begins at a Beach Stump Stands Near the Glass work Line at the End of a Road Laid out By the Inhabitants of Great Barington Runs North 13 Deg. West 21 Rods to a Hemlock Stadel Stands a Little West of Zenos Goodrich House this Road is Marked the East side & Excepted By the Town —

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Begining at a Stake 4 Rods East Isaac Davis's House then E. 16 N. 33 Rods then E. 21 Deg N. 60 Rods to a Stake Standing on the E. line of Lot 27. then N. 29 Deg. E. 23 Rods—then E. 7 Deg. N. 28 Rods then N. 35 Deg. E. 48 Rods to an Elm Staddle South side of the Country Road ——

Surveyed and laid out a high Way from Washington Line southward—Begining at a Hemlock Tree mark'd H and a Stake by it in the Town Line between Washington and Lee thence runing south 18 Deg. West 49 Rods to a Beach Tree mark'd H, thence south 5 Deg. West 62 Rods to a Beach mark'd H then sonth 17 Degrs East 42 Rods to a Stake and Stones, thence south 16 Degrs West 24 Rod to a Hemlock pole mark'd H. thence south 28 Rods to a Beach Mark'd H thence south 13 Deg East 44 Rods to a stake and Stones, thence south 5 Degrs East 44 Rods to a Hemlock mark'd H. then south 11 Deg. West 22 Rods to a Hemlock mark'd H. then S. 20 Deg. W. 38 Rods to a Hemlock mark'd H. then S. 4 Deg E. 24 Rods to a Hemlock Pole mark'd H. then South 29 Deg. W. 14 Rods to a Hemlock mark'd H. then S. 17 Deg East 20 Rods to a Hemlock mark'd H. then S. 2 Deg. E. 6 Rods to a maypole Tree mark'd H. then S. 15 Deg E. 18 Rods to a Beach mark'd H. then S. 3 Deg W 10 Rods to a Maple mark'd H. then S. 21 Deg E 22 Rods to an Elm pole mark'd H. then S. 3 Deg. W. 22 Rods to a Hemlock Stump and Stones by it then S. 2 Deg. E. 19 Rods to a Stake and stones and joins a Highway before laid out and Accepted. the above Road mark'd on the East side of the same

March 29th 1780 Accepted [See p. 16.]

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this Road is Marked the south side

A Survey of a Rode from Washington 4 Division Line North of Corner of Lot No 4 as stands on the Plan then Runs West 8 Degrs South in Mr Saml Standley North Line. 109 Rod to sd Standley North west Corner to a Stake then Runs West 2 Degrs South 24 Rod to a Stake then West 45 Degrs South 34 Rods then West 31 South 30 Rods to A Hemlock Tree Marked then South 33 West 32 Rods to a Stake then South 12 Degrs East 26 Rods then West 8 Deg. North 37 Rods this Last 37 Rod the Road is to be 6 Rods Wide then Runs West 10 Degrs South 60 Rods to a Beach Tree Mark'd then West 27 Rods [Degrs ?] South 20 Rods then west 36 Rods then West 3 Deg. North 44 Rod then West 4 Degrs North 64 Rods to a Maple Stump Mark H then West 12 Deg North 24 Rods then West 28 Degrs South 27 [Rods] then West 20 Degrs South 18 Rods then West 4 Degrs North 10 Rods then West 4 Deg. North 24 Rod. then West 9 Deg. North 38 Rods then South 3 Deg. East 52 Rods to Seth Backus's Land then Between sd Westward Backs and Elisha Freeman's Land taking the Roads half Each man Land to the Road that Leads from Capt Bradley to the Meeting House

this Road Laid Out by Capt Jesse Bradley & Mr William Ingersoll Select men Surveyed by Prince West Excepted by the Town [See p. 16.]

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Road by the Meeting House ——

Begining at a Hemlock marked H on the south side of said Road By the Corner turning to Prince West's then runing West 6 Deg S. 90 Rods to a Stake on the River Bank on the South side of the great Bridge 14 feet down stream from said Bridge—said Road four Rods wide on the North of said Line ——

Accepted by the Town [See p. 20.]

The Stake Mrs Davis's Door—W. 39 Deg. S. 10 Rods to Stake Mark'd H. then W. 34 Deg. S. 28 Rods to a Stake marked H. then S. 25 Deg. E. 54 Rods to Stake marked H. then S. 1 Deg E. to a Stake 24 Rods marked H. then S. 34 Deg. E. 36 Rods to a Beach tree marked H. then S. 44 Deg. E. 52 Rods to a hemlock Marked H. then E. 30 Deg. S. 120 Rods to a Beach on Tyringham Line in the N. side of the Mountain and south of Hop brook said Road on W. and S. side of said Line ——

Accepted [See p. 20.]

Road begining on the Line between Mr Chadwick's and Jone's Lot at a stake marked H. then W. 9 Deg. S. 30 Rods to a Stump marked H. then W. 40 Rods to a Stake marked H then S. 15 Deg W. 60 Rods to a tree marked H. then S. 19 Deg. E. 26 Rods to Hemlock Marked H. then S. 12 Deg. E. 20 Rods to a Stake & Stones H. then W. 30 Deg. S. 40 Rods to a Stake marked H. then S. 17 Deg E. 108 Rods to a Hemlock marked H. then S. 10 Deg. 32 Rods to River Bank

Said Road lying on the N. & W. of the Line. thence by the River East 8 Deg. S. 40 Rods to Hemlock marked H. then S. 17 Deg E. 133 Rods to a Stake and Stones West of the Meeting House Said Road is on the E. side of said Line ——

Accepted [See p. 20.]

Road from Pelatiah West by Saml Porter to the River begining from Mr West towards Mr Howk's at a Stake and Stones then S. 30 Deg. E 46 Rods to a Beach Stump—then S. 33 Deg E. 30 Rods to a Stake—then S. 43 Deg. E. 52 Rods to a Hemlock Mark'd H. then S. 34 Deg E. 40 Rods to R Laid on S. side of saide Line [See p. 20.]

Road from below Jona Foots to Elisha Freeman's &c.

Begining at a stake and stones standing the N. side of the Road leading towards Becket thence N. 5 Deg. W. 46 Rods to a stake mark'd H. then N. 17 Deg. W. 36 Rods to a stake mark'd H. then N. 7 Deg. E. 18 Rods to

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a Hemlock stump standing in Jona Foots N. Line then N. 19 Deg. W. 24 Rods to a stake mark'd H. then N. 43 Deg. W. 20 Rods to a stake mark'd H. then W. 7 Deg. N. 20 Rods to a stump then N. 25 Deg. W. 48 Rod to a Stake marked H. then W. 7 Deg. N. 20 Rods to the Road leading from Mr Freemans house to Mr Kelloggs-the Road lying on the E. side of sd Line

Accepted [See p. 20.]

A Road from Wido Charity Davis's to Eleazer West

Begining at a Pine stump and 12 Rods W. of the Widow Davis's House standing on the North side of the Highway—thence E. 30 Deg. North 16 Rods to a pine stump by the Corner of the Widows Barn Yard thence N. 20 Deg. East 36 Rods to a Stake and stones near the foot of the Bridge Over hop Brook on the meadow side—thence E. 16 Deg. N. 39 R. to an Elm mark'd H. thence E. 6 Rods to a stake Within 1 Rod of the Division Fence between the said Widow and Wm Ingersoll thence Northerly one Rod West of Said Line 30 Rods to a Bass staddle Mark'd H. thence E. 25 Deg N. 28 Rods to stake mark'd H. thence N. 40 Deg. East 7 Rod to a Crotched Butternut on the Line between Wm Ingersoll and John Williams deceased thence North on the Line 26 Rods to a stake near the River thence E. 1 Deg South 22 Rod to a Witch Hazel mark'd H. Supposed to be on the Road from Wm Ingersoll's to Mr Reuben Pixley's near the Bridge &c -&c thence Begining easterly on sd Road on the Line between sd Pixley's meadow and his Burghot Lot—running North 18 Deg. E. 24 Rods to stake Mark'd H. thence N. 33 Deg. east 28 Rods to a Beach mark'd No XVII thence North 18 D. E. 40 Rd to a Beach staddle mark'd H thence North 7 D. E. 80 Rods to stake near Carpenters House thence N. 4 D. E. 62 Rod to a hemlock mark'd H. near the River and a Large Spring-thence N. 7 D. E. on the Bank 112 Rod to a Hemlock mark'd H. on the Bank of a brook in the Line of Eleazer West's meadow Lot

Accepted Eleazer West

said Road through the Meadow to be 5 Rods on the E. side of said Line and the West 4 Rods [See p. 20.]

Survey of a Road begining at the Bank of the River at an Elm Stump at the Bridge Made on Mr Lee's Land—thence North 34 Deg. E. to a stake and stones 20 Rods thence N. 34 Deg. W. 12 Rods to a stake and stones thence Westwardly on the Line between Mr Lee & Mr Penoyer to a stake on Jos Nickols Corner thence on the Line between Nickols and Chadwick—to a stake 140 Rods thence N. 15 Deg. E. to a stake Marked H. 64 Rods thence N. 9 D. E. to a Beach marked H. 52 Rods to Lenox Line thence E. by Lenox Line 14 Rods

Accepted

From the River to a Stake standing in the Line Between Mr Lee and Mr Penoyer—Said Road Lying on the W. side, thence on the Line one Rod each side the Line ——— [See pp. 20, 69.]

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Road begining at the River below Mr Lee's Mill at a Stake and Stone thence E. 3 Deg. S. 12 Rod to a Hemlock Stake and Stone thence S 27 Deg E. 6 Rods to a Stump thence E. 8 Deg N. 12 Rods to a Hemlock Mark'd H. then E. 10 Deg S. 28 Rods to a Hemlock the W. side of Capt Bradley's Road leading to the Meeting House said Road lying on the South of Said Line. Accepted

[See p. 20.]

Road from the Furnace.

Begins at a Beach mark'd H the S. side of the Road that's westwardly to the Furnace then S. 2° E. 7 Rods to a Beach mark H then S. 45° W. 5 Rods to a Hemlock marked H thence S. 11° E. 20 Rods to a Beach Staddle marked H. in the West side of highway that runs southwardly. said Road is laid 4 Rods wide—the Bounds are on the West Side—Don by Elias Willard Junr

Eben Jenkins, } Select Men
Oliver West, }

Road from Charity Davis's to the Bridge above Mansfield's Mill

Begins at Stake & Stones E. side John Davis Lot then W. 6° N. across sd Davis's Land to Reuben Pixleys Line then across the Lot to a stake on E. Bank of Isaac Davis meadow 123 Rods. then West 28° N. to a Maple 60 Rods marked H. then West 45 N 21 Rods Then West 34° N. 116 Rod to a Stake at the E. end of Bridge above the Mill. said Road 4 Rod Wide 2 Rod North of side line

Sepr 9th 1781

Jesse Bradley, Amos Mansfield }
Josiah Yale—Select Men }

[See p. 24.]

Survey of a Road begining at a great Hemlock tree the S. side of Spring Brook in Thomas Crockers Land bought of Eleazer West and others at the end of a Road Laid out before. Thence N. 5° E. 2 Rods then W. 20° N. 12 Rods. then North 42 Rods to John Coffeys Land. then North 12° West 23 Rods then N. 15° E. 26 Rods 13 Link. then N. 1° E. 32 Rods to a Hemlock marked H on Levi Nye's Land then N. 4° W. 40 Rods then N. 2° 30 minits W. 40 Rods to the N. E. corner of Levi Nyes Barn then N. 8° 30 min. W. 18 Rods to a Large Hemlock stump 10 feet easterly of Mr Nye's Shop on the Road lead g to Becket—Pr Phins Brown Sur—
29th March 1784 [1782] { Ebenr Jenkens, Oliver West } Select men

[See p. 24—The error in date, probably made by copyist; see p. 61.]

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East Road from the Furnace to Mr Lee's—Begins at Lenox Line in Mr Lee's Corner on the Bank of the River, then run'g on said River 23 Rods to a Cherry Mark'd H—road on the E. side. then E. 3° North, 14 Rods to a Hemlock Marked H then E. 9° S. 44 Rods to a Stake Marked H on the Road leading by Capt Bradleys said Road from the River to be the south [side] of the Line—and to be 2 Rods Wide—Survey d by Mr Crocker, Jesse Bradley, Amos Mansfield.

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Road from Becket Line Begins at a Black Oak in Becket line then W. 10° N. 34 Rd to a Birch tree md H. then W. 18° S. 10 Rd to a Birch Staddle—H then W. 34° N. 10 Rd to a Birch md H—then W. 46° S. 16 Rd to a Stake & Stones in Fence then W. 20 Rd to Stake & Stones. then West 22d N. 26 Rd to maple md H. then W 3d N. 18 Rd to Wm Perrys N. E. corner then W. 6° S. 22 Rod to Wm Perrys Log House then W. 1° N. 56 Rd to Black Oak md H then W. 10° N. 22 Rod to Justus Burden's N. W. corner then W. 20° N. 22 Rd to Stake & Stones then W. 17° N. 40 Rd to Stump & Stones at Tobeys then W. 5° N. 18 Rd to Stake & Stones in Tobeys then W 4° N. 46 Rd to Hemlock H N. Line W. 15° N. 22 Rd to Stake & Stones W. 1° N. 38 Rd to Stake And Stones N. 45° W. 58. Rd to Do, Do on Bank of Gutter then W. 15° N 29 Rd Stake & Stones W. 18° N. 44 Rd Do Do Do W. 4° N. 34 Rd Birch Tree—H W. 25° N. 55 Rd Stake & Stones W. 5° N. 62 Rd to N. E. Corner of Cornelius Bassetts Lot W. 15° N. to Stake in Hopland S. E. Line W. 18° N. 29 Rod Hemlock H W. 3° N. 22 Rd Stake & Stones in A. Perrys Land—then N. 36° W. 10 Rd Stake & Stones on Bank of Brook W. 48° N. 25 Rd Stake & Stones W. 22° N. 20 Rd Stake & Stones W. 34° N. 58 Rd Do Do Job Hamlins line W. 7° N. 12 Rd Do in Hamlins W. Line W. 3° N. 78 Rd Do in Jona foots E. Line W. 25° N. 22 Rd Stake & Stones in foots Land W. 11° N. 20 Rd Do Do W. 18° S 86. Rd Jona foots S W. Corner stump W. 2° S. 21 Rd Hemlock H W. 7° N. 48 Rd Hemlock stump and stones W. 3° N. in Levi Nyes fence 28 Rd stake & Stones W. 5° N. 16 Rd to Hemlock near Glass Ws Corner N. 43° W. 28 Rd to Stake near Brook W. 13 N. 30 to Do Do N. 41 W. 18 D. Do in P. West Line N. 25° W. 30 Rd Do Do in Corner of Road leading to Meeting House then W. 6° S. 1 Rod

The Road being North of the aforesaid Line, and four Rods Wide

N. Dillingham Sur

Ebenr Jenkins, } Select
Amos Mansfield } Men

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Road from the S. W. corner of Glass Works grant E. 6° to John Percival's thence E. 20° N. 28 Rd to a Stake & Stones in the Line between Luke fisher and said John then E. 11° N. 32 Rd to Stake & Stones in

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W. Line of Dr Sergeants Lot. then E. 12° N. 60 Rods to Hemlock marked H then E. 1° S. 24 Rods to a Maple Mark'd H. then E. 4° S. 32 Rods to [Stake] & Stones then E. 18° S. 66 Rods to Stake & Stones before Elisha Crockers Door. then S. 35° E 96 Rods to Stake & Stones about 6 Rods N. of Daniel Wests House in Road from Lee to Stockbridge. Road to lie South of the Line, and is three Rods wide. N Dillingham Sur

April 7th 1783 Josiah Yale } Select
[See p. 26.] Thomas Crocker } Men —

Road from Aaron Ingersolls to Eleazer Wests, Begins at S. W. Corner of Capt Porters Lot thence N. 20° E. 62 Rod to David Ingersoll's S. Line. then N. 6° E 50 Rod to N. W. Corner of David Ingersolls improvements then N. 24° E. 30 Rod to a Maple then N. 31 E 70 Rod to a Maple by the Brook. then N. 58° E. 10 Rod to a Maple then N. 35° E 13 Rod to Eleazer Wests Corner then N. 7° E 156 Rod to a Stake & Stones the Road leading to Stockbridge N Dillingham Sur

7th Apl 1783 Thos Crocker } Select
[See p. 26] Josiah Yale— } Men

Road from Pelatiah West's by Elisha Grants—Begining at the S. E. Corner of Palatiah West's House thence E. 20° N. 58 Rods, thence E. 6° S. 40 Rods to a Hemlock, thence E. 2° S. 38 Rods to Hemlock in the Road leading from N. Balls to the Furnace—Road to be on S. side of the Line—

N Dillingham Surveyor —

Apl 7th 1783 Thos Crocker } Select
[See p. 26] Josiah Yale } Men

Road from the N. E Corner of Geo Chanter's Lot Begins at Stake & Stones then Runing W. 4° N, 60 Rd to Stake and Stones then W. 28° S. 31 Rd to Hemlock. Then begining at an Ash N. E. of Saw Mill running W. N. 28° W. to last mentioned Hemlock then N. 40° W. 32 Rd to Stump & Stones. then W. 11° N. 40 Rd to Stake & Stones. then W. 32° N. 16 Rd to Maple mark'd H. then W. 11° N. 28 Rd to Hemlock mark'd H then N. 36° W. 14 Rod to Hemlock H then W. 32° N. 49 Rd to Hemlock in the Edge of Winegars Brook & side of the Road——April 11th 1783
Survey'd by N Dillingham Thomas Crocker

Wm Ingersoll

Said Road is south of the Line,and is three Rods wide [See p. 26]

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Road by Saml Stanley's Altered: Begins at a Stump opposite the S. E Corner of sd Stanley's house, then South 19° W. to a Rock & Stones 10 Rods: then S. 5° E. 10 Rds to a Rock & Stones. then West 9° S. 36 Rds to a Stump & Stones in the Crotch of Roads Said Road lies West & north of the Line and is 4 Rods Wide [See p. 43.]

Road by Wido Gibb's Altered: Begins near the N. E. Corner of Mrs Gibb's House in the Old Road, thence runing West 14° N. on the line Between sd Gibbs & Saml Stanley's Lots, to said Gibbs's N. W. Corner, then W. 34 Degrs N. 14 Rd to a Stump & Stones in the Crotch of Roads.

Said [Road] lies North of the [line] and is two Rods Wide.

The last above said Road laid Out by Nathan Ball & Seth Backus Select Men ⟨ Surveyed by Nathan Dillingham

March 28th 1787 —— [See p. 43.]

Road by John Percival's & Elisha Crocker's Begins the South East Corner of a Lot belonging to Capt Daniel Williams near Ebenezer Swift's House thence runing East 7° S. 30 Rods to a Stake & Stones E. 4° N. 10 Rods to Do by John Percival's—E. 20 N. 60 Rods-Do Opposit Dr Sergeant's House—E. 2 S. 50 Rods Do in Dr Sergeant's East line—E. 13 N. 57-Do E. 21 S. 28 Rods-Do in West line of E Crocker's E. 15 S. 38 Rods-to a stone near Crocker's House S. 42 E. 89 Rods to Abraham Howk's South West Corner in the Old Road leading to Stockbridg. The Road in the South side of the Line and is three Rods Wide—Laid out by-⟨ Nathan Ball, Prince West ⟩ Select Men ⟨ Novr 1787—

Survey'd by N. Dillingham

N. B. The above road is just a Mile in Length —— [See p. 45]

Road from Eli Bradley's to Benja Smith's The Road lying North of the following Line, begins at a Stake & Stones about four Rods South of Eli Bradley's House—East 3° South 30 Rd to Stake & Stones East 11° S. -80 Rd Do to Do -E. 1° N. 24 Rd Do to Do E. 12° S. 28 Do to Do S 38° E. 18 Do to a Hemlock E. 32° S. 22 Do to Do E 23. S. 14 Rd Do E. 35 S. 10 Rd Do E 15 S. 12 Rd Do East-73 Rd Do E 9° N. 42 Rd Beach E. 30' N. 14 Rd hemlock E. 8. S. 30 Rd Basswood in Dn Bradley's East line—S. 50 E. 14 Rd ash-East-20 Rd Hemlock by a brook—E. 16 S. 8 Rd Hemlock—E. 12 N 44 Rd Beach—E. 26 S. 44 Rd Ben Smith's Potatoe-Hole E. 39 S. 24 Rd to the Old Road leading thro' Doge Town

The Road two Rods wide from the Begining till it comes to hilly ground then three rods wide to the end Don by—Nathan Ball, Prince West, ⟨ Select Men ⟩ Novr 1787——N Dillingham Surveyor — — [See p. 45.]

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Piece of a Road from Lenox Line by Jesse Randle's Begins in the South Line of Lenox Near Elisha Percival's House, then runing South 23½° West 55 Rods to Stake & Stones in the South Line of the aforesaid Randle's Land hitherto the Road is three Rods Wide, thence forward the same Course before, six Rods, to the Line of an Old Road, and but two Rods Wide—And all lies West the aforesaid Line —

Laid Out By Prince West, Nathan Ball } Select Men }

Nathan Dillingham Surveyr [See p. 49.]

Road from Enoch Garfield's to Eleazer Wests, Begins at the South West Corner of Capt David Porter's Lot Opposite the aforesaid Garfields House—then runing North 20° East 61½ Rods to Capt Porters North Line N. 11° E. 19 Rd to Stake & Stones N. 19° E. 64 Rod, to Do Do N. 33½° E. 29 Rd to Stump & Stones N. 46° E. 37 Rd to Stake & Stones N. 39° 178 Rd to Do Do in Line of the County Road leading to Stockbridge —

Said Road is 3 Rods wide, & lies west of the aforesaide Line.

Laid out by Prince West, Nathan Ball } Select Men

N Dillingham Survr [See p. 49.]

Road from Reuben Pixley's Northward Begins at a Stake & Stones South East of said Pixley's in the Line of the Road leading to Tyringham, by a Certain Brook, thence runing North 6° East 24 Rods to a Stake & Stones. N. 8° W. 28 Rods to a Hemlock tree. N. 22- W. 42 Rods to Stake & Stones in the West Line of the Old Road

Said Road is four Rods Wide, and lies East of the above Said Line ——

Laid Out by, Nathan Ball } Select
Prince West } Men

June 14. 1788

Nathan Dillingham Surveyr [See p. 51.]

Road from Jonathan foot Jrs to Jonathan Foot Senrs

Begins at a Stake & Stones in the West Line of the Old Road leading from Jonathan foot Jrs to Andrew West's about 10 feet from said foot's Barn—thence runing South 20° West to the County Road Oppisite Jonathan foot Senrs Barn. Said Road is three Rods Wide and lies East of the aforesaid Line.

Laid out by—Seth Backus } Select
Prince West } Men

Nathan Dillingham Surveyr Feb. 28, 1789 [See p. 53.]

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Road from the Furnace to Washington Line Begins at a Stake & Stones in the North Line of a Road from the Furnace in Lenox, and on the top of a Hill east of the Furnace, and in the line betwixt the Town of Lee & Lenox—thence runing East 23½° N. 50 Rods to a Stake & Stones—then E. 26° N. 42 Rd to a Stake & Stones then N. 34° 10 Rd to a Stake & Stones—then N. 52° E. 10 Rd to a Stake & Stones in the Line of an Old road—then in said Old Road, Entirly to a Stake & Stones a few Rods South of Ebeazer West's Barn, thence East 7° N. 33d to a Stake & Stones—then East 21° N. 14 Rd to a Stake & Stones—then E. 7° N. 13 Rd to a Stake & Stones—then South 34° E. 10 Rd to a tree marked——South 7° E. 19 Rd to a heap of Stones—E. 15° S. 13 Rd to a tree—E. 5° S. 24 Rd to a Hemlock Stump—N. 8° E 68 Rd to a tree marked—N. 58° W. 5 Rd N. 10° E. 13 Rd—N. 64° E. 26 Rd N. 32° E 8 Rd North 18 Rd—N. 16° E. 12 Rd N. 30° E 10 Rd N. 20° W. 20 Rd N. 5° E. 20 Rd—East 8 Rods—N. 45° E. 32 Rd thence by a Line of Trees marked H Northerly & Easterly till it meets a road Laid by the Town of Washington to the North East Line of this Town The above Road is laid three Rods Wide and lies southerly & easterly of the above Mentioned line — Done by Joshua Wells } Select Men
Jesse Bradley† }

Sepr 3d 1789 Nathan Dillingham Surveyor [See p. 55.]

[The preceding surveys are in the writing of John Powers, copyist (see p. 61,)—the next four in N. Dillingham's writing, and the remaining in Daniel Wilcox's.]

Road from William Ingersoll Jrs Northward to Elijah Ingersoll's

Begins at a Stake near Wm Ingersoll's Jr Barn on the Road leading to Stockbridge, thence N. 20° E. 23 Rd 9 Links to a Stake & Stones—N. 27° E. 54 Rd to a Stake & Stones—Same course 26 Rd to an Elm Stump by the River—thence across the River to a Hemlock Tree mark'd H—N. 19° E. 78 Rd to Stake & Stones in the Road leading from Stockbridge to the House of William Ingersoll Esqr

Said Road is laid 3 Rods wide and lies East of the aforesaid Line ——

Done by Josiah Yale }
N. Dillingham Surveyor. Jno Nye } Select Men
accepted, May 22–1792— Enoch Garfield }

[See p. 70.]

March 6–1797 Voted to discontinue the first part of sd road to the river

[Last line written by D. Wilcox, Clerk in 1797.]

Road from Freeman Mosier's Northward, Begins at a Maple Tree a little South of Mosier's House in the East Line of the old Road; thence N. 72½ W. 20 Rd to a Stake & Stones; thence N. 55° W. 58 Rd to a Bass Wood Tree—

† "Braddley" in MS.

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N. 41° West to a Hemlock Tree & N. 22° W. 42 rods to the old Road; thence from a Hemlock near a Spring, N. 38° W. 43 Rd —N. 19° E. 24 Rd —N. 25° W. 30 Rd —N. 12° E. 19 Rd —N. 1° E. 28 Rd to the old Road by Isaac Davis's House.——Laid by Josiah Yale, John Nye

Enoch Garfield-Select-Men —

N. Dillingham Surveyor||Augt 31-1792.||

The above Road is 3 Rods wide, and lies West of the above described Line. [See p. 71.]

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Road by Thomas Crocker's, altered.

Begins at an Apple Tree, east side of the Road, opposite said Crocker's House—thence S. 7° E. 20 Rd to an Apple Tree—S. 23° E. 20 Rd to an Elm Staddle in the East Line of the old Road.

Same Road alter'd across the Toad Farm so called.

Begining at a Stake & Stones in the East Line of the old Road at the Foot of a Hill; thence Southward, runing by the River about three or four Rods from said River to the North Line of the Toad Farm—thence South 4½ Degr West, in all, 100 Rods to a Stake & Stones in the East Line of the aforesaid old Road.

The Road from Thomas Crocker's to Reuben Pixley's laid 3 Rods Wide. The above mentioned Lines are on the East Side of the Road.——Accepted Sepr 6—1792 —

Josiah Yale,)
John Nye - Select Men —
Enoch Garfield —)

N. Dillingham Surveyor.

[See p. 70.]

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Road from Washington by Jesse Ward's.

Begins at a Hemlock Tree on Washington Line, at the end of a Road laid in said Washington—thence runing South 10° West 27 Rods to a Beach Tree—Thence South 6° East 19 Rods to a Beach Tree—thence Sonth 1° East 45 Rods to a Beach Tree by the Bridge that leads to Lientenant Newel's in Lenox, and in the line of the old Road laid out in Lee—Said Road is three rods wide, and lies East of the aforesaid line.

Done Jan. 25. 1793. by John Nye } Select Men
Enoch Garfield }

N. Dillingham Surveyor——

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Becket old road new laid

Road from Becket line to the County road

Beginning at Becket line at an oak Tree thence West 10° N. 25 Rods to a Beach marked H W 17 S. 22 Rods to a Beach marked H S-10 rods to a

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Hemlock Staddle S 32 W 18 Rods to a Beach mark'd H in County road

The above Line is South & East of the road which is 3 Rods wide.

Nathan Dillingham
Surveyor

Josiah Yale } Select men.
John Nye }

[See p. 74.]

Road from the Northerly Corner of 3d Division Hopland Lots No 10 & 11 To A Merrills—Thence South 6° W. 28 R S. 25° E 51 R to a large pine tree Same Course 12 Rods South 5° West 11 R to a Swamp maple—South 14° W. 38 R to a Stake South 6° E 68 [?] R—South 5° West 20 R & 18 L to the County road leading by the Forge—Said road is 3 Rods wide & on the left hand of the line—Done Octr 1794 by the Selectmen.

Apl 1795 Accepted by the Town ——

Road from the N line of Gt Barrington (on Bear Town so Calld) Northerly to the County road—Begining at a Stake & Stones on said line—Thence N. 23 E. 8 R N. 14 E. 30 R N. 20 W. 9 R N 57 W 10 R S. W. 12 N 13 R. W. 10 S. 22 R W 6 S. 34½ R W. 36 R W 46 N. 8 R—N. 16 W 14 R to a Chesnut tree mark d on the sly line of the County road —

Said road is 3 Rods wide & on the right hand of sd line

Done Octr 22d 1795 by the Selectmen

March 7th 1796 Accepted by the Town —

Road from James Penoyers easterly across the river to the County road—Begin a bar post at the corner of the old road near Penoyer's house—Thence North 45° E. to the west bank of the river Said road is 2 Rods wide and on the left hand—Thence across the river at right angles with the river—Thence on the line between Eli Bradley & Seth Backus one rod each side 29 R. 16 L. to the County road—Done Decr 9th 1795 by the Select men — May 3d 1796 Accepted by the Town — [See p. 94.]

Road from William Ingersoll's Junrs Altered to the river

Begining at a stake West of Ingersolls house and on the line between Ingersoll and John Couch Thence N. 30° E 80 Rods Thence N. 36° E 30½ Rods to the river where the former road Crosses —

Accepted by the Town March 6th 1797 and the Old road so far discontinued ——

Laid out by Daniel Willcox Feb. 26th 1797 —

Sd road is 3 Rods wide and the line on the Centre

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Road from Saml Chadwicks to Saml Jones—Begin at a bar post East of Chadwicks Orchard—Thence W. 35 S. 33 R 6 L—W. 25 S. 19 R West 4° S. 15 R to the road leading to L Robinsons ——

Done March 1798 by the Selectmen

Apl 2d 1798 Accepted by the Town

[On another page of the Records, is the following "survey-bill" of the same road.]

Records of a road from Saml Chadwicks to Saml Jones's

Begining at a bar post a little East of Chadwicks Orchard Thence West 35° S 33 R 6 Links W. 25 S 19 Rods Thence W 4° S. 15 Rods to the highway leading to Levi Robinson —

Accepted by the Town Apl 2d 1798

Said Road is two rods wide

Survey of a road leading from the South line Lt Joseph Crockers land to Deacon West's land and to the County road

Begining at a small Elm staddle on the N line of the road leading to Esq Jenkins Then W. 10° N 10 Rods—Then N. 38 W 32 R Then N. 30 W 26 R to Deacon Wests S. line—Then N 54 W 55 R through Deacon Wests Cornfield. Then N 34° West, to the East line of the County road —

Laid out by the Select [men] Accepted May 7th 1798

Said road is 3 Rods wide & on the west side of the line

Road from Hope Davis to Winegars &c

Begining at a Stake and Stones on the E. line of winegars lot and a [little ?] South of Davis's house—From Thence W. 8° N. 15 R–13 L. West 15 N. 11 R 8 L W 8° S 8 R. 20 L W 25 N. 27 R to a Stake & Stones on the E. line of the line of the road leading to Winegars mill —

Laid out June 4th 1798 by the Selectmen and accepted

Said road is 3 Rods wide and the North side of the line ——

Note.—Under the "Records of Town Meetings" no allusion is made to some of the roads of which surveys are given, and, on the other hand, some roads were accepted or discontinued in town meeting, of which no surveys are given. Most of the roads of this period have been either discontinued or more or less altered, but several still remain according to the original survey: as that from Seth Backus' to Peter Wilcox's land; that from John Percival's to Elisha Crocker's, and that by the meeting house. The last, now (1897) Park street, having been lately surveyed from the "bill" as given on page 111, near enough for practical purposes. But were it of consequence, none of them could be accurately surveyed, for such stations as "Mrs. Davis's door," "Levi Nye's shop," "Ben. Smith's potatoe-hole," the hemlocks, "beaches," stumps, "stadels," etc., have long since passed away.

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Town-Lines.—

Tyringham

In perambulating the Line betwixt Lee & Tyringham we began at the South East Corner of Lee and run North 35 Degs East 546 rods to a heap of stones, the North West Corner of Tyringham, coming out one rod and three Links easterly of said Corner, or so much varied on Tyringham side. thence East 3 Degs North 666 rods to the upper Goose Pond, having set up a stake & stones at the end of every eighty rods. The Pond not measured—beyond the Pond, no monuments erected, nor exact measure kept.
The old Line South-East of the Pond, and the last or east Corner could not be found.

Done Novr 10th & 11th (with the Select Men and Surveyor of Tyringham)
A. D. 1791. — John Nye) Select
Enoch Garfield - Men of
A true Copy from the minutes. Novr 1791) Lee —

[The above written by N. Dillingham; the two following by Daniel Wilcox.]

Lee Novr 1800 The line betwixt The Towns of Lee & Tyringham Per-[am]bulated by the Selectmen of both Town[s.] —
Monuments erected & marks renew'd

Becket line Perambulated Novr 1800
Began at the N. E. corner Thence S. 5° W to Tyringham line Erected Monuments & renewed marks
Novr 1800 By the Select men of Becket & Lee
D. Wilcox Surveyor

Note—The above are the only entries on the town books, prior to 1801, relating to perambulation of lines between this and contignous towns; although an act passed in 1786, required it to be done within three years, and once every five years forever after, and that each time the procedings should be entered on the town books. See p. 315.

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Fence-Divisions.

Fence between Saml. Chadwick & Jos. Nichols — — Begins at a Bass wood Tree at the Southwest Corner of Saml. Chadwick Land thence runing East thirty six Rods thirty seven Links to a Stake & Stones from thence runing Westward vice versa on Said Line eighteen Rods, eighteen Links and a half to a Stake and Stones which is to be Saml Chadwick's to Support and Maintain according to Law, From said Stake & Stones Westward said Bass wood Tree, eighteen Rods & eighteen Links and a half is to be the part of Joseph Nichols to Maintain & Support according to Law Lee Augt. 7th 1786——

Seth Backus, Joseph Crocker } Fence Viewers—

We the Subscribers being requested by Ashbel Lee to run the Line between him the Said Lee & Joseph Nickols, we accordingly began at a Stake & Stones according to said Lee's Deed, and run 74 Rods Westward to a Stake & Stones which is the Westward Bounds of said Lee's Land, thence Eastward vice versa on said Line thirty Seven Rods which part of the fence viz. from the Western Bounds of said Lee's Land Eastward thirty Seven Rods to a Stake & Stones) belongs to the said Lee to Make & repair according to Law. and from thence to the river Thirty Seven Rods to a Stake & Stones on or near the Bank of the River, which part of the fence belongs to Joseph Nichols to make & repair according to Law. —— —— —— Lee August 17th 1786.——

Seth Backus, Joseph Crocker } fence Viewers

[The record of the above divisions is in the hand of John Powers, copyist—see p. 61: the last, in that of Daniel Wilcox, clerk in 1800.]

Lee Septr. 30th 1800

Be it remembered that we the subscribers fence viewers for the Town of Lee for the present year being requested to divide the partition fence between Seth Nye & Peter & Danl. Wilcox have proceeded to the business & divided sd. fence as follows

have assign'd to Seth Nye one rod on the west end of sd. fence to make & repair. Then the sd. Peter & Danl. to make & repair fourteen rods & seven Links, Then the said Seth to make & repair twenty rods & eleven Links- Then the sd. Peter & Danl. to make & repair twenty one rod, & five Links- Thence the sd. Seth to make & repair fifteen rods & two Links to the N. E. corner of the sd Wilcox's farm —

Squire Stone
Ebenezer Jenkins Junr.
Feence Viewerers

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Creature-Marks.

Note—All the "creature-marks" recorded in the Town Records are in the first volume. 143 different marks are registered, which served for 193 persons, as some of them were again selected after the death or removal of the original proprietors;—thus Prince West's mark did duty for four others, as did that of Luke Fisher. N. Dillingham, John Percival, and Ebenezer Jenkins have each, two different marks recorded; the first two, probably, having been dissatisfied with their first choice, and it would seem the mark selected by the last was not recorded correctly in the first entry. Also, Samuel Baldwin has two horses recorded by natural marks. As few dates are given, the time of registration of the others can be determined only approximately. The last dated entry is May 20, 1842, written by R. Hinman, Clerk at that time, and there is one later entry, also by Hinman. 67 are in John Powers writing, as are also, some of the transfers, and must have been recorded in the original first book of records, previous to 1792: (see p. 6[illegible].)

All recorded by Daniel Wilcox, Clerk from March 4, 1793, to March 3, 1806, are here given; although some probably were entered after the time this volume is designed to bring the records to.

Transfers in a different hand from the first registry will be noted in the margin.

Lieut Elisha West Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Left Ear

Mathew Vanser Mark for his Creatures is a hollow Cropp in the End of the Left Ear

Daniel Church Mark for his Creatures is a Cropp of the Left Ear and a slit und side the same taken by E. Porter.‡

Prince West Mark for his Creatures is a Cropp of the Left Ear and a slit upperside the same

May 1792—Prince moving out of Town—This mark taken by Thos. Rewee.— ‡

Jonathan foot Junr Mark for his Creatures is a half Crop of the uperside of the Left and Crop of the Wright Ear Taken by Alvan Foot ††

Jonathan foot Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Left Ear and a half Crop the under side the Wright Ear

fenner foot Mark for his Creatures is a half Crop upper side Each Ear

Levi Nye Mark for his Creatures is a hole in the Wright Ear and a Cut in the under side of the Wright Ear —

Seth Backus Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Wright Ear

Thomas Beacher Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Left Ear and a happeny under side the same —

‡ Item written by N. Dillingham, Clerk in 1792.

†† Item by R. Hinman, and seems to have been written when he recorded the same mark for Marshall Foot—probably about 1842.

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Nathan Baul Mark for his Creatures is a Hollow Crop in the End of the Left Ear and a happeny on the uper side the Wright Ear & a halfpenny under side the left ear ‡‡

Jeremiah Wormer Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Wright Ear and a Happeny under side the Same and a happeny under side the Left Ear

Samuel Porter Mark for his Creatures is a Half Crop under side the Wright Ear

Lambart Howk Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Wright Ear and a Slit under side the Same—this taken by Heman Hinckley

Levi West Mark for his Creatures is a Happeny uper side the Wright Ear and a happeny uper side of the Left Ear taken by Amos Rogers—1813 ‡

Lilly fisher Mark for his Creatures is a Slit in the End of the Left Ear this taken by David Baker

Luke fisher Mark for his Creatures is a Slit in the End of the Wright Ear. this taken by Joshua Wells

Waight Hatch Mark for his Creatures is a Slit in the End of the Wright Ear and a Cut the under side the Same

Thomas Adkins Mark for his Creatures is 2 holes one in Each Ear
This taken by Abm. Perry †

Jesse Gifford Mark for his Creatures is a half Crop of the Left Ear uper side the Same

Aaron Benidict Mark for his Creatures is a half a Crop uper side the Left Ear and happeny under side of Both Ears

John Stevens Mark for his Creatures is a Slit in the End of the Left Ear and a Happeny uper side of the Wright Ear—this Mark taken by Silas Stevens

Elisha Freeman Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Left Ear And a happeny under side of Both Ears

Andrew West Mark for his Creatures a two happenys uper side the Wright Ear this mark taken by Philo Bradley†

David Kellogg Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Left Ear and a happeny under side the Wright Ear——taken by Lewis Hatch

William Whittney Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Left Ear and a Slip in the Same——this Mark taken up By James Tuttle —

Benjamin Backus Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Left Ear and Cut under side the Same and a Slit in the End of the Wright Ear

‡‡ From "&," an addition, written by Daniel Wilcox.
‡ Item written by C. T. Fessenden, Clerk from 1807 to 1813 inclusive.
† Item by D. Wilcox.

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Cornelius Gifford Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Left Ear —
Taken by Gershom Bassett ‡

Job Hamlin Mark for his Creatures is a Hollow Crop in the Ends of Left Ear and a Happeny uper side the same and a happeny under side the same Ear

Thomas Gifford Mark for his Creatures is a Hollow Crop in the End of the Wright Ear

Aaron Smith Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Wright Ear and a half Crop uper side the Left Ear —

Ichobud Backus Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Wright Ear and a Slit uper side the Same

Capt Jesse Bradley Mark for his Creatures is a Cut the uper side the Left Ear and a Cut the under side the Wright Ear

Elijah Dodge Mark for his Creatures is a half crop of the Wright Ear uper side and half a Crop the under side of the Left Ear
taken by Oliver Hatch

Orasha Strong Mark for his Creatures is a Hollow Crop in the End of the Left Ear and a happeny under side the Wright Ear
Taken by Eli Bradley †

Joshua Backus Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Left Ear and a Slit under side the Same

Elisha Grant Mark for his Creatures is two hapenys the under side the Left Ear

Daniel West Mark for his Creatures is a Slit in the uper side the Wright Ear and a Slit the under side the Left Ear

Peter Willcox Mark for his Creatures is two Hapeney under side the Wright Ear

Aaron Ingersoll Mark for his Creatures is a Slit in the end of the Wright and a hapenny under side the same and a half Crop uper side the Left Ear

Zenos Goodrick Mark for his Creatures is one Hole through the Wright Ear and a Hapenny uper side the Left Ear

William Ingersoll Mark for his Creatures is a Slit in the End of the Wright Ear and a Hapenny under side the Same

Joseph Crocker Mark for his Creatures is a half Crop under side the Wright Ear and a hapenney uper Side the Same Taken by Seth Backus Jr ‡

Reubin Cary Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Wright Ear and a Slit in the End of the Same

‡ Item by D. Wilcox.
† Item by C. T. Fessenden.

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Asaiel Dodge Mark for his Creatures is half Cropp of the under side of the Wright Ear and a half Crop of the uper side the Left Ear

Taken by Joshua Nye †

Ozias Strong Mark for his Creatures is a Hollow Crop in the end of the Wright Ear And a Hapenny the uper Side the Same Ear.

Taken by Benja Stevens ‡

James Tuttle Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Left Ear and a Slit in the End of the Same

James Penoyer Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of the Wright Ear and a hole in the Left taken by Samuel Dorr ‡‡

John Percival Mark for his Creatures is a Crop the Wright Ear and a half Crop uper side of the Left Ear

[The following is interlined in the same hand– apparently written considerably later:]

John Percival his Mark is one square happenny under the Right Ear

Cornelius Bassett Mark for his Creatures is a hollow Crop in the End of the Wright Ear and a half Crop the under side of the Left

Samuel Stanley Mark for his Creatures is a half Crop the uper Side the Wright Ear and a half penneythe under side the Left Ear

Taken by T. Shaw †

Samuel Bawldin Mark for his Creatures for horses one is a Red rone

Samuel Baldwin Mark for a horse is a Sorrel and a White Star in his forhead

Samuel Wood Mark for his Creatures is a Crop of from Each Ear and a Brand with a Letter V

Joshua Wells's Mark A Slit in the end of the right Ear—Which was formerly Luke Fisher's who is gone Out of Town. Taken by James Youngs †

James Griffis Mark for his Creatures is a Halfpenny under the Left & a square Notch under the right Ear This mark taken by Wm. Ingersoll Jr.‡

Lewis Hatch's Mark—Crop off the Left Ear and a Halfpenny under side the Right—formerly[1] David Kellogg's Mark—who is gone out of Town — Taken by Moses Ingersoll†

Oliver Hatch's Mark—half Crop uper side the right Ear & a half crop under the Left—formerly Elijah Dodge. Taken by Jesse Ward †

David Baker's Mark is a Slit in the end of the Left Ear.
this was formerly Lilley Fisher's Mark

Lemuel Crocker's Mark is a hole in the Left Ear

† Item written by D. Wilcox.
‡ Item written by N. Dillingham.
‡‡ Item written by C. T. Fessenden.

[1] "formely" in MS.

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Nathan Dillingham's Mark for Cattle & Sheep is a hole in the right Ear Taken by John P Northrup April 30 1830 ‡

Capt David Porter's Mark is a half penny under the right Ear

Capt Thomas Crocker's Mark—is a hollow Crop in the Left Ear and a half penny under Same

Benjamin Smith's Mark a Crop off the Left Ear and a Hollow Crop in the right Transfered to Merrill & Harteau June 8 1839 ‡

Nathl Bassett's is a hollow Crop in Each Ear

David Tyler—Slit in Each Ear & a half penny upper side right
Taken by Jed. Crocker †

John Keep—Each Ear Sharppened to a point

Edmond Hinckley—a half penny uper side the right Ear —

Note—The preceding registries are in the writing of J. Powers, (see p. 61,) except as indicated in the past notes. The next four were written by N. Dillingham, and the remainder by D. Wilcox.

Benjamin Stevens—a hollow Crop in the end of the right ear and a halfpenny upper side the same.

Thomas Reuwee—a crop off the left Ear and a Slit the upper side the Same.—N. B. This was formerly Prince West's mark.
Taken by Stephen Dexter †

John Frieze's Mark for Cattle & Sheep is a half Crop underside each Ear — This mark taken by William Freeze Augt 16—1814 ‡‡

Eli Bradley's Mark for His Sheep & Cattle is a Hollow Crop in the end of the Left Ear & a half penny under side the right

Daniel Willcox mark two half pennys the under side the right Ear and a Slit on the End of the same ear

William Ingersoll Jr's mark is a half penny under the left Ear, and a Square Notch under the Right. ——

Stephen Couch's mark half penny under side the left ear and two nicks the under side the right ear ——

Ebenr Jenkins mark a hole through the right ear half crop upper side left

John Atkins mark is a Crop off the right ear & a slit in the end of the left. taken by Noah Crocker Jr ‡‡‡

Joshua Nye mark half Crop the under side the right Ear and upper side the left formally Asael Dodges

‡ Item by Hubbard Bartlett, Clerk in 1830 and 1839.
† Item by D. Wilcox.
‡‡ Both registrations in N. Dillingham's hand.
‡‡‡ Item written by C. T. Fessenden.

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Daniel Churches 2d mark Crop off the right ear & a half penny under the left

Samuel Winegar's mark is a Tenant on the right Ear —

James Youngs mark a Slit in the End of the right Ear. formally Joshua Wells'es Taken by Jesse Clark —

Abraham Perry's mark is a hole through each Ear —

Levi Robinson's mark is a hollow crop in the left ear & a slit in the end of the wright

John Winegar's mark 2 holes in the right ear & one in the left

Jacob Winegars mark a tenant on the right ear & a Crop of the left

Josiah Willoughby mark Crop off the left ear & a hole in the right —

John powers his Mark a tenant and a hole in the left ear

James Austin's mark a square notch the under side the left ear —

Ephraim Willcox Mark is two half pennys under side the right ear and a Crop off the left

Thomas Shaw's mark half crop the upper side the right [ear] and half penny the under side the left. Formally Saml Stanley's mark —

Ebenr Wests mark is a Tenant on the end of each ear. —

Jesse Ward's mark, half crop upper side right ear, the same under side the left. Formally Oliver Hatches mark —

David Foots mark Crop off the left ear & a half penny each side the same

Moses Ingersoll mark crop off the left ear and a half penny under side the right. formally David Kellogg ——

George Bennet mark a hole in the left ear and the same cut out the under side of the ear —

Jedediah Crockers mark a slit in the end of each ear and a half penny upper side the right Taken by Calvin Finney †

Samuel Couch's mark slanting crop of the right ear and a halfpenny the upper side the left.

Walley Backus mark a slit in the end of the right ear and a swallows tail in the end of the left.

Benjamin Hamlins mark is a half Crop under side the left ear and a half penny upper side the right.

† All on this page was recorded by D. Wilcox, except the transfer to Calvin Finney, which was by C. T. Fessenden.

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Oliver West's mark is a crop off the right ear & cross cut upper side the same.

Stephen Dexter's mark is a Crop off the left ear and a cut the upper side the same. Taken by Dr Thayer

Edmund Casey's mark, a half crop under side left ear & a cut under side the same

Nathan Bassetts mark is a crop off the left ear, and a slit in the end of the right

Jesse Clark's mark is a slit in the end of the right ear—formerlly James Young's mark ——

Saml Jones mark a round half penny under the right

Ebenr Jenkins Jr mark half crop upper side right ear & a hole in the left

James Stevens mark a hollow crop on the right ear & a hole in the same

Jacob Penoyer's mark a Crop off the left ear & a slit in the end of the same taken by Dr Hubbert Bartlett—†

Jared Bradley's mark, a tenant on the end of the left ear

Jonathan Finney's mark Crop off each ear. Taken by E. Foot

Josiah Hatchs mark a Crop off each ear and a half penny under side of each ear Taken by J. Green

Samuel Chadwick's mark Crop off each ear & a Cut under side right.

Jared Ingersoll's mark a crop & a half crop from the left ear & a slit in the end of the right.

Daniel Santy's mark a crop off the right ear & a slit in the end of the same taken by Thomas Foot—†

Josiah Bradleys mark, a hole in the left ear & a slit in the end of the same.

Benjn Hinkleys mark, a half penny in the upper side the left ear —

Elisha Foot's mark, a square Crop from each ear —

Ancel Bassetts mark a hollow crop off right ear Crop off the left & a cut the upper side the right

David Hamlins mark half crop upper side right ear & a half penny upper side the left ——

Rowland Thatcher's mark, Crop off left ear—half penny und side the right ear & a Slit in the end of the same —

† Lean by C. T. Fessenden.

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Stephen Bradleys mark a hole in the left ear & a crop off the same

Reuben Barlow's mark a Slit in the end of the right ear —
formerly J. Clark †

Elijah Peet mark a Slit in the end of the left ear & a half penny upper side the same

Revd Alvan Hydes mark a half crop upper side the right ear and a slit in the end of the left

Christopher Hurlbut's mark a Slit under side the Left ear

Job Child mark Crop of right ear & a Slit in the end of each

Wm Freemans mark a Slanting Crop upper side Left ear
taken by Amasa Walker †

Dr Nathl Thayers mark Crop of Left ear & cut under side same
formerly S. Dexters. Taken by Barna. Adams ‡

Alvan Foot's mark a Slanting crop upper side right ear
Taken by Marshall Foote††

Amasa Porters mark half penny under side each ear & a Crop from the right and a Slit in the end of the same

Sylvanus Dimmucks mark Crop off the Left ear & a hole in the right.

John X Crosby Jr mark a crop off the left ear & two half pennys under-side the sameX

John Green's mark, Crop off each ear & a half penny under side each ear

Cornelius||T. Fessenden mark crop off right ear & two slits in the end of the same Taken by C. Bassett

Abijah Crosby's mark, Crop off the left ear and two slits in the end of the same (taken by Collins Hall) †

Samuel Griffin's mark is a slanting crop the under side the right ear

XGarshom Basset'sX mark, a hollow crop off the left ear & a slit in the end of the right & a half penny upper side the same Given up —

Cornelius Bassetts Jr mark a Crop off the right ear & two Slits in the end of the same

Seth Backus Jr mark half crop off the right ear & a half penny upper side same

† Item by C. T. Fessenden.
‡ Item by N. Dillingham.
†† Item by R. Hinman.

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Zacheus Maltbys mark a Cut upper side the right ear & a cut under side the left Taken by Timothy Thatcher May 1808 †

Jethro Thatchers mark Crop of the left ear and a Slit in the end of each ear —

Peleg Barlows mark Crop off the left ear & hole in the same —

Benjamin Finneys mark, a Crop off the left ear & a half penny under the right —

Moses Hall mark half crop under side Left Ear and half penney under side right

John Norcutts mark half crop left ear half penny under same, Slit in the end of the right — (taken by his son John—) †

Ambose Westcoass mark hollow crop on the right ear & half pennys under side the same —

Reuben Careys mark a crop off the left ear & a half crop off the under side the same —

Philo Bradleys mark is two half pennys upper side the right ear Taken by Joshua S. Bliss †

Nathan Dillinghams mark a Tenant on the end of the right ear.

† Item written by C. T. Fessenden.

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Publishments and Marriages.

December 16th AD: 1777 then Was Noah Burdin of Lee and Avis Th* * * * † of Chesterfield Was Published According to Law by me Prince West Town Clark —

December 22d AD: 1777 then Was Ichabod Backus and Deliverance Hamlin both of Lee Was Published According to Law by me Prince West Town Clark —

February 2d AD: 1778 then Was Amos fuller of Skeenborough and Anne Huggins of Lee Was Published as the Law Directs By me Prince West Town Clark —

March 19th AD: 1778 then Jacob Pratt of great Barington and Meribah Chanter of Lee Was Published as the Law Directs By Prince West Town Clark

March 19th 1778 Jacob Pratt and Meribah Chanter Was Joyned in Lawful Wedlock By me Jahl Woodbridge Jusp Peace

Lee March 25th A D: 1778 then Recciv'd and Recorded the above By me Prince West Town Clark

April 6th AD: 1778 then Jesse Clark and Sarah foot Both of Lee Was Published as the Law Directs ꝑr me Prince West Town Clark

July 28th AD: 1778 then the Intention of Marage Between George Chanter of Lee and Martha Owen of great Barington Was made Publick ꝑr me Prince West

Sepr 24 AD: 1778 then the Intention of Marage Between Constant Eozworth of Sanderfield [and] Marcy West was made Publick as the Law Directs Pr me Prince West

December 20 AD: 1778 then the intention of Marage Between Samuel Wright of Lee and Jemininiah Hencock of Springfield Was made Publick as the Law Directs Pr me Prince West ‡

January 20 AD: 1779 then was Published george Adkins and Sarah Dimmuck as the Law Directs Pr me Prince West —

† Record mutilated. See p. 317.

‡ "The intention of Marriage between Samll Wright of Lee and Jemima Hancock of Springfield are here entered Novr 30th anno Domini 1778 Notification posted ye 5th Day of Decr following"

Springfield Records of Marriages, Vol. 2, Page 210.

I find no record of the marriage of the above named persons.

[Signed,] E. A. Newell, City Clerk. [1897.]

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Orasha Strong and Pasahance Stevens Was Published as the Law Directs february 20th AD: 1779 Pr me Prince West ——

february 20 AD: 1779 Timothy Treat of Lenox and Bulah Strong of Lee Was Published as the Law Directs Pr me Prince West ——

Published March the 1st AD: 1779 the Intention of Marage Between Orasha Strong and Patiance Stevens Both of Lee as the Law Directs Prince West

March 4th 1779 The Within Named Orasha Strong and Patience Stevens Was Joyned in Lawful Wedlock Before me Stephen West

a True Copy atested By me Prince West Town Clark ——

Published March the 3d AD: 1779 fenner foot and sarah Willcox Both of Lee Pr me Prince West Clark

March the 11th 1779 the Within named fenner foot and Sarah Willcox was Joyned in Lawful Wedlock Before me Stephen West

a true Coppy Tested by me Prince West Town Clark

Published August 20 AD: 1779 francis Nye And Meriam Dodge Both of Lee as the Law Directs By me Prince West Town Clark

Lee Sepr 2d 1779 the Within Name[d] francis Nye and Meriam Dodge was Joyned in Lawful Wedlock before me Stephen West

a True Copy Attest By me Prince West Town Clark

Lee October 10th AD: 1779 then Intention of Marage Between John Nye of Lee and Louis West of Tolland has been published as the Law directs

Lee October 12 AD: 1779 then the Intention of Marage Between Ebenezer West of Lee and Mehitibel Nye of Wilingtown Was Published as the Law Directs

Lee October 13th 1779 then the Within Named Seth Nye and Ama West Ware Joyned in Lawful Wedlock before me Stephen West ——

Lee June 20th AD: 1780 the Day Aaron Wormer and Pheba Vallet * * * † Published as the Law Directs Pr me Prince West ——

October Published Lewis Hatch of Lee and Mary Davis of Lee Pr me Prince West T Clark

November 24 AD: 1780 Nathaniel Gillet of Newlebenon [and] Sibbel Calkins of * * * † Published Pr me Prince West Town Clark

December 3 AD: 1780 Published Amasiah Dotty of Plimtown and Bathiah Hamlin of Lee By me Prince West Town Clark

December 10 AD: 1780—Published John haas of Kinderhoock and ficha Howk of Lee Pr me Prince West

Lee March 19 AD: 1782 Nathaniel Toby and Deborah finney Was Published as the Law Directs Pr me Prince West

The Within Named Nathaniel Toby & Deborah finney Ware Joyned in Lawful Wedlock Before me Wm Ingersoll Justice of the Peace

March 21 AD: 1782

† Record mutilated.

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Lee 1702 Jedediah Crocker and Sarah Gifford both of Lee are published according to the Custom of the Town per me T. B. Town Clerk —

Lee 1702 Oziel Willcox Lois Goodrich both of Lee are Published According to the Custom of the Town Per me T. B. Town Clerk

Lee November the 16th 1702 Jared Ingersoll of Lee Elizabeth Nobles of Sheffield are Published according to the Custom of the town per me T. B. Town Clerk

Lee November the 24th 1702 Ely Bradley and Phebe Bartlett both of Lee are Publised According to the Custom of the Town per me T. B. Town Clerk

Sunday April 13th 1703 Wm Ingersoll Jr and Mercy Crocker were Published by Mr Dillingham —

Published the following, Isaac Smith & Mehitabel Howard
Walter Tiffany & Sally Avery —

Levi West & Bathsheba Rider — David Baker & Vina Crocker —
Peter Willcox Jr & Polly Mansfield — Jesse Bartholomew & Mercy Bradley Married May 26th 1704 —
Isaac Grant & Hanah Tracey

Lee October 13th 1779 then the within named Seth Hyde and Sarah Tracy were joyned in Lawful Wedlock before me Stephen West

Marriages

Capt Josiah Gale married to Ruth Tracey September 26th 1776. —
Nehemiah Smith & Fanny Mansfield May 20th 1709.
David Foot & Betsey Hamlin — Jany 12th 1709
Rufus Manton Jr & Rachel Coldey — Oct 10th 1709
John Green & Martha Hamlin Dec 1st 1709
Calvin Ingersoll & Lydia Barlow Oct 9th 1709
John Sutherland & Jerusha Stanley Feb 1790
Lemuel Barlow & Thankful Rafsell Dec 27 1785
Oziel Willcox & Lois Goodrich Oct 10th 1702
Sylvenus Gifford & Tabitha Dexter Dec 2 1790
Duncan Shaw & Abigail Gifford Jan 6th 1791
Benjn Clark & Sarah Cole [illegible] Sept 1 1790
Seth Garden & Bethiah Dingley [illegible] Oct 19th 1791

The upper part of this page written by Louis Pomeroy, the lower part by Nathan Dillingham.

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Lee 1782 Solomon Davis [and] Martha Mansfield Both of Lee are Published According to the Custom of the Town Pr me T B T C

Lee 1782 Jedediah Crocker and Sarah Gifford both of Lee are published According to the Custom of the Town pr me T B Town Clark ——

Lee 1782 Ozial Willcox [and] Lois goodrich both of Lee are Published According to the Custom of the Town Pr me T B Town Clark

[See below for marriage.]

Lee November the 16th 1782 Jared Ingersoll of Lee Elizarbeth Nibelow of Sharron are Published According to the Custom of the town pr me T B Town Clark

Lee November the 24 AD: 1782 Ely Bradley and Phebe Bartiline Both of Lee Are Published According to the Custom of the Town Pr me T B— Town Clark

Sunday April 13th 1783 Wm Ingersoll Jur and Marcy Crocker were Published by N Dillingham

Published the following, Isral Smith & Mehettabel Howard
Walter Tiffany & Sally Avery ——
Levi West & Bathshua Rider ——
David Baker & Vina Crocker ——
Peter Willcox Jr & Polly Mansfield ——
Jesse Bartholomew & Mamry Bradley ——
Married May 26th 1784—Isaac Grant & Hanah Tracey

[The foregoing Publishments and Marriages are in the writing of John Powers, copyist: see p. 61. The following list of Marriages is in Nathan Dillingham's writing:]

Marriages.

Capt Josiah Yale married to Ruth Tracey Septemr 26th 1776. ——
Nehemiah Smith & Fanny Mansfield, May 28th 1789.
David Foot & Betsey Hamlin —— Jany — 12th 1789.
Rufus Stanton Jr & Rachel Eddey - Octr 18th 1789.
John Green & Martha Hamlin Decr 1ct 1789
Calvin Ingersoll & Lydia Barlow Octr 8th 1789
John Sutherland & Jerusha Stanley Feb— 1790
Lemuel Barlow & Thankful Bassett Dec. 23d 1785
Oziel Willcox & Lois Goodrich Octr 10th 1782 —
Sylvenus Gifford & Tabitha Dexter Decr 2d 1790
Duncan Shaw & Abigail Gifford - Jan. 6th 1791
Benja Clark & Sarah Cole both of Lenox Sepr -1-1790
Seth Barden & Bethiah Dimmuck Decr 19th 1790 ——

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[The records of the following Publishments and Marriages are in Daniel Wilcox's writing.]

The intention of Marriage between Jonathan Walley of Richmond and Mary Winslow of Lee was made public July 18th 1792 by Nathn Dillingham And married by Revd Alvan Hyde July 19th 1792

The intention of marriage between Ebenr Jenkins Jr & Lydia Smith both of Lee was made public August 9th 1792 by Nathan Dillingham T. Clerk And married by Revd Alvan Hyde Augt 23d 1792

The intention of marriage between Heman Bradley & Anne West both of Lee was made publick August 28th 1792 by Nathn Dillingham T. Clerk And married by Rev'd Alvan Hyde Novr 29th 1792

The intention of marriage between Josiah Willoughby & Sally Backns both of Lee was made public October 16th 1792 by Nathan Dillingham T. Clerk And married by Revd Alvan Hyde Octr 18 1792 —

The intention of marriage between Joshua Nye & Charta Parker both of Lee was made public Novr 18th 1792 by Nathan Dillingham T. Clerk And married by Revd Alvan Hyde Novr 20th 1792

The intention of marriage between Walley Backus & Grace Vandusen both of Lee was made public Jany 17th 1793 by Nathan Dillingham T. Clerk And married by Revd Alvan Hyde Jany 17th 1793

The intention of marriage between Ichabod L[a]throp of Anodaque & Esther Pixley of Lee was made public Jan,y 31—1793 by Nathan Dillingham T. Clerk And married by Rev,d Alvan Hyde Jany 31—1793

The intention of marriage between Ancel Bassett & Hannah Dimmuck was made public March 1st 1793 by Nathan Dillingham T. Clerk and married by the Revd Alvan Hyde Apl 11th 1793

The intention of marriage between Rev'd Alvan Hyde of Lee and Lucy Fessenden of Sandwich were made public April 4th 1793 by D Willcox T. C And married by Rev'd Stephen West Apl 25th 1793 ——

The intention of Marriage between Asael Foot & Anne Abbot was made public Aug.20th 1793 by Danl Willcox T. Clerk. And married by the Rev'd Alvan Hyde Aug.21st 1793. ——

The intention between Jabez Bursley & Abigail Perry both of Lee were made public June 30 1793 by Danl Willcox T. C. A[nd] married by the Revd Alvan Hyde Octr 17th 1793 ——

The intention of marriage between Joseph Whiton & Amanda Garfield were made public Octr 11th 1793 by Danl Willcox T. C. And married by the Revd Alvan Hyde Octr 17th 1793 ——

The intention of marriage between Pardon Austin of Tyringham and Rhoda Stanton of Lee was made public Novr 28th 1793 by Danl Willcox T. C. and married the same evening by the Revd Alvan Hyde

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The intention of Marriage between Crispus Shaw & Levina Shaw both of Lee was made public Feby 24th 1794 by Daniel Willcox T. Clerk and married by Ebenr Jenkins Esq May 8th 1794

The intention of marriage between Jacob Penoyer & Alice Hoyt Crocker both of Lee was made public March 21 1794 by Danl Willcox T Clerk and married March 27th 1794 by the Revd Alvan Hyde

The intention of marriage between Ephm Sheldon of Stockbridge and Lydia Gifford of Lee was made public May 25th 1794 by Danl Willcox T. C. and married the Same Evening by the Revd Alvan Hyde. †

The intention of Marriage between Silas Easton of East Hartford and Rachel Nye of Lee was made public June 25th 1794 by Danl Willcox T. C. and married by the Revd Alvan Hyde June 30th 1794 ——

The intention of Marriage between Daniel Willcox & Lydia Ball both of Lee was made public June — 1794 and married on the Sabbath October 19th 1794 by the Revd Alvan Hyde ——

The intention of marriage between Isaac Barlow and Sally Casey both of Lee was made public July 6th 1794 and married July 8th 1794 by the Revd Alvan Hyde

The intention of marriage was made public July 20th 1794 between Joseph Hinkley and Polly Stewart both of Lee by Danl Willcox T. C. and Married Novr 19th 1794 by A. Hyde

The intention of marriage between Stephen Dexter & Lydia Backus both of Lee was made public July 21st 1794 by D. Willcox T. Clerk and married by the Revd Alvan Hyde Octr 24th 1794 —

The intention of marriage between David Hamlin and Sally Backus both of Lee was made public July 28th 1794 by D. Willcox T. C & married October 8th 1794 by Revd Alvan Hyde

The intention of marriage between John Read of Stockbridge & Elizabeth Crocker of Lee was made Public Aug. 18th 1794 by D. Willcox T. Clerk and married Aug. 24th 1794 by the Revd Alvan Hyde — ‡

The intention of marriage between Abraham Finney and & Huldah Gifford both of Lee was made public Septr 17th 1794 by Danl Willcox T. Clerk and married by the Revd Alvan Hyde Novr 20th 1794

The intention of marriage between Israel Thompson of Goshen & Sally Foot of Lee was made public as the Law directs October—1794 by Danl Willcox T. Cler

† In the Record of Marriages, Stockbridge, for 1794 is the following entry: "Ephraim Sheldon and Lydia Gifford of Lee were married May 25th."

‡ "John Read and Elizabeth Crocker of Lee were married August 24th." Ibid.

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The intention of marriage between Josiah Crocker and Hannah Crosby both of Lee was made public October 27th 1794 by Danl. Willcox T. Clerk and married Jany 15th 1795 by Revd Alvan Hyde

The intention of marriage between Abijah Crosby & Caty Olds both of Lee was made public Novr 20th 1794 by Danl. Willcox T. Clerk and married January 15th 1795 by Revd Alvan Hyde ——

The intention of marriage between Lemi Bradley of Lee, and Ruth Newel of Lenox was made public Feb. 18th 1795 by Danl. Willcox T. C– and married Feb. 19th 1795 by the Revd Alvan Hyde †

The intention of marriage between Benjamin Hamlin & Thankful Barlow both of Lee was made public Feb. 18th 1795 by D. Willcox T. Clerk and married Feb. 19th 1795 by the Revd Alvan Hyde ——

The intention of marriage between Reuben Pixley Jr and Polly Chase both of Lee was made public June 1795 and Married June 1795 by the Revd Alvan Hyde ——

[On the next page of the Records is another entry of the same, as follows:]

The intention of marriage between Reuben Pixley Jr & Polly Chase both of Lee was made public June 2d 1795 by Danl. Willcox T. C– and married by Revd Alvan Hyde June 3d 1795 ——

Married June 27th 1795 Nathl. Gleason & Polly Putman both of Becket by Ebenr Jenkins Esq

The intention of marriage between William Sturges and Sallome Dimmuck both of Lee was made public Aug 31st 1795 by Danl. Willcox T. Clerk Married Septr 10th 1795 by Revd Alvan HyDE

[On the next page of the Records is the following entry of the same:]

The intention of marriage between Wm Sturges and Salome Dimuck both of Lee was made public Aug. 31-1795 by D. willcox T C — and married by Revd Alvan Hyde Septr 11th 1795

The intention of marriage between Stephen Johnston of Tyringham & Rebecca Clark of Lee was made public Aug. 31st 1795 by Danl. Willcox T. Clerk

The intention of marriage between Hope Davis and Lucy Bullard both of Lee was made public Septr 7th 1795 by Danl. Willcox T. Clerk and married the same day by the Revd Alvan Hyde

[On the next page of the Records is the following entry:]

This may Certify that the intention of marriage between Hope Davis & Lucy Bullard both of Lee was made public Septr 7th 1796 by D. Willcox T-C — and married the same day by Revd Alvan Hyde ——

The intention of Marriage between Ichabod Sherman of Woodbury (Connecticut) and Avice Collins of Lee was made public Jany 3d 1796 by D. Willcox T. Clerk ——

† "1795, Feb. 4. Lemi Bradley of Lee and Ruth Newel of Lenox."
From Lenox T. R., Book 1 (original), page 363 under Intentions.

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The intention of Marriage between Lewis Gifford of Lee and Betsy Backus of Lee was made public Jany 1796 by D. W. T Cler and married Jany 22 1797 by Revd Alvan Hyde ——

The intention of Marriage between Nathl Hudson of Grenville and Nabby Hinkley of Lee was made public Feb. 1796 by Danl Willcox T Clerk and married June 28th 1796 by the Revd Alvan Hyde

[On the next page of the Records is the following entry of the same:]

The intention of marriage between Nathl Hudson of Grenville and Nabby Hinkley was made public Feb. 4th 1796 by D W. T Clerk and married June 28 1796 by Revd Alvan Hyde ——

The intention of marriage between Reuben Penoyer & Polly Gifford both of Lee was made public Feb. 9th 1796 by D. Willcox T. C — and married March 19th 1796 by Revd Alvan Hyde

The intention of marriage between Paul Ewer & Susannah Hamblin both of [Lee] was made public Feb. 16th 1796 by D. Willcox T. Clerk and Married by Revd Alvan Hyde Feb. 18th 1796

The intention of marriage between Benjn Adams & Sarah Parker both of Lee was made Public March 10th 1796 by D. Willcox T. C — and married by Revd Alvan Hyde on the same Evening

The intention of marriage between Jacob Winegar & Anne Parker both of Lee was made public June—1796 by Danl Willcox T. Clerk
Married by Rev d Alvan Hyde Novr 1796

The intention of marriage between Moses Ingersoll of Lee & Prudence Taylor of Tyringham was made public July 8th 1796 by Daniel Willcox T. Clerk

The intention of marriage between Simn Wright of Rutland & Susanna Abbot of Lee, made public Novr 8th 1796—married Nov. 8th 1796

The intention of marriage between Ozias Judd & Lucena Halett both of Lee was made public Novr 27th 1796 by D. Willcox T. Clerk and married by Revd Alvan Hyde Decr 15—1796

The intention of marriage between Ephm Williams & Jemima Wormer both of Lee was made public Decr 4–1796 by D. W. T. Cler and married by Revd Alvan HYDE Jany 26—1797 ——

The intention of marriage between Saml Winegar & Tabitha Crocker both of Lee was made public Decr 11th 1796 by D. Willcox T. Clerk and married by Rev.d Alvan Hyde Jany 12th 1797

The intention of marriage between Harvey Osborn of Royal-Grant and Caty Gifford of Lee was made public Decr 15th 1796 by D. W. T. Clerk —
Married by Revd Alvan Hyde Decr 25th 1796

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The intention of marriage between Nathn Bassett & Aznba Jones both of Lee was made public Decr 25th 1796 by D. Willcox T. Clerk and married by Revd Alvan Hyde Jany 12—1797

The intention of Marriage between Peleg Barlow & Esther Griffin both of Lee was made public Jany 1st 1797 by D. Willcox T. Clerk and married by Revd Alvan Hyde Jany 19th 1797

The intention of marriage between Nathan Ball Jr and Fear Chadwick both of Lee was made public Jany 8th 1797 by Danl Willcox T. Clerk and married by Revd Alvan Hyde Jnne 29th 1797

The intention of marriage between Benjn Bassett of Tyringham and Molly Winslow of Lee was made public Jany 8th 1797 by D. Willcox T. Cler and Married Jany 23d 1797 by Jos Avery ——

The intention of Marriage between Zina Hinkley and Betsey Ball both of Lee was made public Feb. 26—1797 by D. Willcox T Cler
Married Jnne 29th 1797 by Revd Alvan Hyde

The intention of Marriage between Job Northrnp of Lenox & Sally Bennet of Lee was made Public Septr 10th 1797 by D. Willcox T. C.
Married Octr 19th 1797 by Revd A Hyde †

The intention of Marriage between Jer,h Vallet & Abiah Mott both of Lee was made Public Septr 10th 1797 by D. Willcox T. Cler
Married Octr 4th 1797 by Revd Alvan Hyde

The intention of Marriage between Wm Foot of Stockbridge and Abia Vallet of Lee was made public Septr 10th 1797 by D. W. T. Cler
Married Novr 9th 1797 by Revd Alvan Hyde ‡

The intention of marriage between Danl Parker of Sandisfield & Anne Handy of Lee was made public Septr 17—1797 by D. Willcox T. Cler
Married Novr 23. 1797.

The intention of marriage between Azel Huntington & Hannah Robinson both of Lee was made Octr 15—1797 by D. Willcox T. Cler

The intention of marriage between John Hulett of Lee & Hannah Walker of Tyringham was made public Octr 22—1797

The intention of marriage between Joseph Frarey of Becket and Sally Gifford made public Octr 29th 1797—Married Decr 28 1798 [1797]

The intention of marriage between Wm Bradley & Tabitha Hamblin both of Lee was made public Decr 17—1797
Married Jany 3d 1798 by Revd Alvan Hyde

† This intention entered also, on the Lenox Records, Book 1 (original), page 363.

‡ "William Foot and Abia Vallet of Lee were married November 9th by Rev. Alvan Hyde." Stockbridge Records.

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The intention of marriage between Calvin Davis & Hannah Crocker both of Lee was made public Decr 17—1797 by D. W
Married Feb. 1st 1798 by Revd Alvan Hyde

The intention of marriage between Levi Fowler of Stockbridge and Silence Chase of Lee was made public Feb. 4th 1798 by Danl Willcox T. Cler married Feb. 22d 1798 by Ebenr Jenkins Esq †

The intention of marriage between Elisha Dodge & Betsey Crosby both of Lee, made public Apl 15—1798 married June 21st 1798 by Revd A. Hyde

The intention of marriage between John White Jr of Norton, & Fear Perry of Lee, made public June 17—1798 by D. Willcox T. Cler—
Married Decr 13th 1798 by Revd Alvan Hyde

The intention of marriage between Alvan Foot of Lee & Sally Percival of Lenox made public June 24th 1798 by D. Willcox T. Cler. ‡

The intention of marriage between Joshua West of Lee and Mary Newell of Lenox made public Aug. 5th 1798 by D. Willcox T. Cler ‡‡

The intention of marriage between Elijah Kilborn of Lee & Lydia Tooley of Gt Barrington made public Novr 25 1798
Married Jany 3d 1799 by Revd A Hyde

The intention of marriage between Oliver Wedge of Litchfield and Martha Grant of Lee, made public Novr 25 1798
Married Decr 20th 1798 by Revd Alvan Hyde

The intention of marriage between Luther Day of Granville & Meribah Smith of Lee made public Decr 1798
Married May 12 1799 by Revd A Hyde

The intention of marriage between Lodowick Gardner & Hannah Vallet both of Lee made public Decr 6th 1798

The intention of marriage between Luther Ingersoll of Lee & Betsey Gardner of Tyringham made public Decr 15th 1798

The intention of marriage between Andrew Howk & Betsey Mansfield made public Feb. 24th 1799 Married March 21 1799 by Rev A Hyde

The intention of mariag between John Gardner of Tyringham & Delia Childs of Lee, made public Apl 14th 1799
Married Septr 22 1799 by Rev A Hyde

The intention of marriage between Levi Church of Lee, & Hannah Gardner of Tyringham, made public June 2. 1799.

† "Levi Fowler and Silence Chase of Lee were married Feb. 22nd, 1798 by Ebenezer Jenkens Esq." Stockbridge Records.

‡ "By Rev. Samuel Shepard—Alvan Foot of Lee to Sarah Percival of Lenox September 27th, 1798." Lenox T. R., Book I (original), p. 340.

‡‡ "By Rev. Samuel Shepard—Joshua West of Lee to Mary Newel of Lenox September 11th, 1798." Ibid.,p. 341.

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The intention of marriage between Thomas Chadwick & Lucinda Ingersoll both of Lee made public June 9th 1799.
Married Septr 16 1799 by Revd A Hyde

The intention of marriage between Eli Church of Lanesborongh & Elizabeth Chadwick of Lee made public Octr 6th 1799.
Married Feby 6 1800 by Revd A Hyde

The intention of marriage between Timothy Thatcher of Lee and Dorothy Phelps of Hebron (Connect) made public Octr 1799

The intention of marriage between Jeduthan West & Phebe Willcox both of Lee made public Decr 29th 1799
Married Apl 24th 1800 by Revd A Hyde

The intention of marriage between Simeon Clark & Lucy Backus both of Lee made Public Jany 5th 1800.
Married by Revd Alvan Hyde Jany 26—1800

The intention of marriage between Saml Barlow & Sena Wilcox both of Lee made public Apl 5th 1800 Married May 1 1800

The intention of marriag between Cornels Fessenden & Nancy Ball both of Lee made public Apl 1800
Married Aug. 8th 1800 by Revd Alvan Hyde

The intention of marriag between John Rathbun & Celia Tobey both of Lee made public May 4th 1800 Married June 26 1800 by Rv. A Hyde

The intention of marriage between Benjn Davis of Tyringham & Thankful Hamblin of Lee made public May 11th 1800
And married by Ebenr Jenkins Esq June 5th 1800

The intention of marriage between Thomas Backus & Rebecca Couch both of Lee made public May 1800 Married Octr 30 1800 by Revd A.Hyde

The intention of marriage between Philip Packard of Stockbridge and Rachel Gifford of Lee, made public Aug. 11th 1800
Married Septr 1 1800 by Revd Hyde

The intention of marriage between Job Childs of Lee & Nabby Hamblin of Lenox made public Aug. 17th 1800 †

The intention of marriage between Asael Stanton & Patty Ball both of Lee made public Septr 7th 1800 Married Octr 6th 1800 by Revd Alvan Hyde

The intention of marriage between Ebenr Porter & Eunice Yale both[of] Lee made public Septr 14th 1800 Married Jany 8th 1800 [1801] by Revd Alvan Hyde

† This intention also entered (same date) on Lenox T. R., Book 1 (original), p. 364.

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The intention of marriage between Amasa Porter & Betsey Winegar both of Lee made public Septr 14th 1800 Married Octr 30—1800 by A Hyde

The intention of marriage between Job Childs & Rhodah Hatch both of Lee made public Septr 28th 1800 Married Octr 30 1800 by Rev A Hyde

The intention of marriage between James Nye & Thankful Crocker both of Lee, made public Octr 12th 1800 Married Jany 23—1801 by Rev. A Hyde

The intention of marriage between Edward Hatch of Lee & Lucy Taylor Lenox made public Octr 12th 1800 ‡

The intention of marriage between James Whiton & Deborah Bassett both of Lee made public Novr 9th 1800 Married Decr 18 1800 by Rev. A Hyde

The intention of marriage between Matthew Vandusen of Lee & Betsey Brayman of Tyringham, made public Novr 9th 1800

The intention of marriage between Revd Jabez Chadwick of Salem & Sally Stewart of Lee, made Public Decr 1800
Married Jany 8t[h] 1801 by Revd Alvan Hyde —

[Among the entries in 1803, is the following:]

This may certify that the intention of marriage between John Remmele & Hannah Barlow both of Lee [was] made public Feby 16, 1796 married by Revd Alvan Hyde April 19th 1796

‡ This intention is also in the Lenox Records (same date), and the marriage recorded as follows: "1801, Jany 1st Edward Hatch of Lee to Lucy Taylor of Lenox."

Note.—From the appearance of the Records, it would seem that the publishments and marriages were not always promptly recorded, but were allowed to accumulate and entered when convenient. Thus several of Nathan Dillingham's publishments were recorded by the succeeding clerk, Daniel Wilcox. The entries also, are not always given chronologically, and there are several entered twice. The small number of entries between 1780 and 1790 can only be explained on the presumption that they are not all given.

The marriages of several Lee people have been found on the records of other towns, and will be given in the appendix.

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Records of Births.

Note:—The following family birth records, which in the original are scattered over many pages without order, are arranged alphabetically for convenience of consultation.——All births recorded prior to January 1, 1801, are given, and every record commenced, given in full, except those of Ransom and Polly Hinman, and Reuben and Susanah Carey—no children being born to them until after the above date.

In some of these family records, all the births seem to have been recorded at the same time; in others after one or more had been recorded, space was left, which in some cases remains blank, but in some, more space, as the years passed was required, and the record was continued on another page.

Children of Seth Abbot Jr & Irene his wife

Cynthia born Septr 23, 1797

Children of Benjamin Adams & Sarah his wife

James T. born July 7th 1797.

Joseph Freeman Austin, son of James and Achsah Austin, born May 3d 1790 ——

Zafne Austin born Feb. 18th 1792 Died Aug. 26, 1793

An infant born May 4. 1798 Died May 4, 1798

John Novr 9 1799

Children of Ichabud Backus & Deliverence his wife

Deborah born	Jany 29 —	1779	Simeon	Apl 16 —	1786
Joshua born	Apl 16 —	1781	Cornelius	Octr 8th	1788
Job,	Feby 10 —	1784	David	March 31 -	1791

Deliverence his wife died Novr 13th 1793

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Children of Walley Backus, & Grace his wife.

Alma Gager, born Octr 25th 1794.	Elizabath	born Octr 24	— 1807
Azel Huntington, Jany 26th 1797.	Walley	— Dec 23	- 1809
Remember Toby, July 8th 1799.	Leander	— June 10,	1812
Walley, Augt 4th 1801. Died	Jane E	March 19,	1814
Mathew Vandusen, Jany 15th 1804.	George Allen	Feby 27	1817.
A Son, born May 6th 1806, & died May 7th			

Children of Thomas Bailey, & Esther his wife.

Smith born in Haddam, Connecticut Novr 3d 1789.

Wealthy	May 13th 1792.	David	April 2d 1801.
Orren	July 21st 1794.	Oliver	Octr 30th 1803.
Thomas born	May 28th 1797.		

Children of David Baker & Silvina his wife

Sally	born	Septr	10th	1784	
Lydia	—	March	5th	1786	
Lemuel	—	July	8th	1788	
Silvina	—	Octr	30th	1790	
David	—	Septr	1st	1793	
Samuel Crocker	born	May	9th	1796	
John	—	Feb.	16	1799	
Avis	born	Septr	2d	1801	Died the same day
An infant	born	Novr	14th	1802	& died Novr 15th 1802
Ebenr		Apl	3d	1804	Died Apl 4th 1804
Nancy	Born	Feby.	22,	1806	
Avis Crocker		August	16th	1808	

Children of Nathan & Ruhamah Ball

Nathan	Born	Feby	23d	1768	- in Stockbridge
Lydia	"	June	6th	1769	Do
Polly	"	March	16th	1772	Do
Sarah	"	April	25th	1773	Do — Died —
Elizabeth	"	Jany	21st	1775	Do
Martha	"	May	13th	1776	— Lee
John	"	July	25th	1777	"
Anna	"	Decr	14th	1778	"
James	"	Octobr	18th	1781	"
Samuel	"	Augt	20th	1783	"
Isaac	"	July	1st	1786	"
Joseph	"	April	30th	1787	"
Sally	"	Octobr	31st	1788	"

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Children of Nathan Ball, & Fear his wife.

Lucy	born	Octr 17th 1798.	Rhoda	born	Jany 6th 1807.
Nancy	—	July 20th 1800.	William	—	July 29, 1809
Amanda	—	Septr 19th 1802.	Rhode	—	May 1, 1812
Nathan	—	Augst 31st 1804.	Harriot	—	March, 1814

Children of Lot Barden, & Lucinda his wife.

Sally,	born	June 2d 1795.	Jerusha,	born	April 8th 1803.
Deborah,	—	Feby 17th 1797.	Asa,	—	May 16th 1805.
Betsey,		Feby 27th 1799.	Isaac	—	July 10 1807.
Elijah,		May 29th 1801.			

Lydia R. Barlow, Daughter of Peleg & Esther Barlow, born Feb. 5th 1793.

Children of Ancel Bassett & Hannah his wife.

an Infant born May 6, 1797 Died May 26—1797
Ephraim Dimmuck born Novr 16th 1798.
Cynthia born Jany 28th 1802
Semantha born July 24 1805
Nancy Born August 31st 1807 ——
Marietta " October 17th 1810 ——

Children of Reuben Barlow and Nabby his wife

An infant born —— 15th 1793 and Died March 16th 1793 —
An infant born Septr 17th 1796 and died the same day —
Joseph Warren born June 8th 1798
Samuel Born April 13th 1802

Children of Cornelius Bassett & Remember his wife

Elisha	born	Jany 22 1782
John	—	Jany 3 - 1784
Nathan		June 29 1785
an infant		July 13-1791 Died July 1791
Remember Nye		May 6—1793
Experience		March 6-1796
Rachel		July 25th 1799

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Children of Cornelius Bassett Jr and Abigail his wife

Nancy born Monday March 1 – 1784 & died of the Small Pox March 19th 1785
Nancy born Tuesday April 24 1786
Lemuel born Friday 18th April 1788
Lydia born Wednesday June 9th 1790
Thomas born Sabbath April 14th 1793
Harriet born – Sabbath January 10th 1796 Died Jany 19th 1798
Cornelius born Aug. 31st 1799.

Children of Nathanl Bassett & Bethiah his Wife

Deborah Webb Bassett born August 18th 1782
Hannah — — May 30th 1784
John Smith — March 29th 1787. Died Septr 12th 1806.
Nabby — — — Decr 14 1789
Polly — — — Feby 26 1792
Nathaniel — — — June 12 1794
Isaac — — — Jany 18 – 1797
Joseph — — — Aug — 7 — 1799 Died Aug. 10 1800
Joseph born — — — March 27 – 1801 —
Harriet — — — Septr 12th 1803 —

Children of Aron Benedict and Marah his wife ——

Esther born May 1 – 1778 Died May — 1778
Eunice July 11 – 1779 Died July 13 1779
Clarissa born August 7 – 1780 Aron Aug. 18–1786
Stephen Novr 9 – 1782 Desire Novr 18–1788
Lucinda Aug 7 – 1784 Nathn July 1 1790 Died July 3–179†
Marah his wife died July 11–1790 —
Married Betsy Randal 1791
Betsey born Jany 21–1792 Eunice Decr 4 – 1793
Molley Jan 21–1792 Huldah Octr 11 – 1795

Children of George Bennett and Betsey his wife

Henry born June 21 – 1788
Betsey born Apl 7th 1790 died Septr 8 – 1790
Prudence born March 3 – 1792 Betsey born March 7 – 1796

Children of Joseph Brace & Mary his Wife

Harry born July 22, 1795 Caroline Augt 12 1801
Charles April 11, 1799 Elisha Nov 9, 1806

† Last figure omitted.

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Children of Asael I. Bradley & Abigail his wife
Noah Roger born Octr 29 - 1797

Children of Eli Bradley & Phebe his wife

Philo born	Octr 2 - 1783	Sall	Octr 6 - 1793
Celia	Septr 16- 1785	William	Feb. 25 - 1796
Anne	Octr 7— 1787	Eli, born	July 31st 1798
Polly	June 19th 1789	Phebe, born	July 13th 1803.
Josiah	July 31 - 1791		

Colonel Jared Bradley born Aug. 25 - 1760
Charity his first wife born March - 4 1759
Their Children as follows

Esther born Tuesday July 23-1782 Abigail born Thursday January 26-1786
Stephen - Thursday March 25-1784 Rhoda - Friday March 21-1788

Charity his wife Died July 31-1790
Married Phebe Munson June 8 1791
and born February 7-1767

Charity born Friday March 23 - 1792
Rachel born Monday Novr 25 - 1793
Thomas Ensine Munson born April 9 - 1796

Jared,	born Octr 3 1798	Anson	born Apl 15, 1805.
Charity,	born Nov. 22d 1800	Mary	— Sept 5, 1807
Harriot	— Decr 24th 1802.	Hannah E.	Jan 12, 1811

Children of Jesse Bradley Jr and Lucy his wife

An infant	born Jany 27th 1791 and Dead	Lucy	born Aug. 13 1799
Betsey	born Feb. 26, 1792	Jesse	born Aug. 3d 1802.
Amanda	born Octr 26 1794	Erastus	born July 6th 1806.
Lydia	born Decr 2 - 1796	Amanday,	born April 27, 1815

Children of Joseph Bradley and Eunice his wife

An infant born May 23. 1789 and Died immediately

Senath	— Septr 14 - 1791.	Eunice	born Novr 16 - 1794
Joel	— March 22 - 1793	Pamelia	— July 25th 1798 —

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Children of Seth Burden & Bethiah his wife.

Betsey,	born	Decr 1st 1791. Died Jan. 2d 1797.			
David,	—	Sept. 27th 1793.	William	born	Decr 9th 1805.
Thomas	—	June 10th 1796.		—	Decr 20th 1806.
Thankful	—	Augt 27th 1798.	Simeon	—	Augt 11– 1807
Bethiah	—	June 9th 1800.	Hannah	—	Sepr 11 – 1809
Seth		Augt 10th 1802.	Ezra	—	Sepr 15 – 1812

[A partial, duplicate list is also given on another page of the Records, as the children of Seth Barden and Bethiah his wife.]

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Reuben Carey born Feb 2nd 1777
Wife Susanah " Octr 4, 1783

[No child born until 1803.]

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Children of Abiathar Chadwick and Desire his wife

Fear	born	Octr 19th 1778	Mary	born	July 21st 1784 —
Heman	—	June 11 — 1780	Archalaus	–	June 30th 1786 —
Joseph		Feb. 15 – 1782	Rhodema	–	May 27—1788

Desire his wife died Aug—13—1790 ——
Married Bathsheba Stewart Octr 1791—

Charles	born	June 19—1792.	Bathsheba		July 25—1796 —
Desire	—	Decr 15—1793	Abiathar		Octobr 30th 1799 —

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Children of Archalaus Chadwick and Sarah his wife

Thomas born monday March 3d 1777
Jabez born Saturday August 14th 1779
Elisabeth born thursday July 27th 1781
John born Monday Novr 18th 1783 And Died October 4th 1784 —
John born Monday August 23d 1784
Samuel born Saturday February 24th 1786 And Died August 20th 1787—
Sarah born Saturday October 20th 1787
Samuel born Sabath August 24th 1789 —
Rhoda born February 12th 1792
Ancel born Thursday November 21st 1793 —
Daniel born Monday August 22 1796

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Children of George Chanter & Martha his wife

William born Octr 27th 1788 —

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Children of Levi Chase and Temperence his wife

Polly	born	Decr 5 — 1777	
Silence	born	July 31 — 1779	
Levi		May 25 — 1781	
Marcy		Jany 8th 1782	Died Feb. 5th 1782
Seth		March 13 - 1783	Died May — 1783
Thomas		June 1 — 1785	
Nabby		Apl 17 - 1788	
Betsey		Decr 2 — 1789 —	
Tabitha		July 7 — 1791	Died July 27—1791 —

Children of Daniel Church & Hannah his wife

Rachel	born	July 26th 1770.	
Daniel		June 8th 1772	Died May 10—1783
Levi		Aug. 14th 1775	
Eli		Aug. 19th 1777	
Danl		Septr 8 — 1783	Died Feb. 16 1784

Hannah the wife of Daniel Church Died April 15th 1784

Married Anne Bates Septr 20th 1785

Hannah born Aug. 7th 1787. Anne June 16th 1791

Children of Jesse Clark & Sarah his wife

Eli	born	Septr 30 - 1779	John	Feb.	14th 1793
Cynthia		Septr 22 - 1782	Charles	July	1 — 1795
Jesse		Aug 21 - 1784	Alma	born October	3d 1797
Sarah		Aug. 24 - 1786	Chauncy Fenner	Decr	20th 1799
Mildred		Aug. 21 - 1788	Ruth	May	24th 1802–
Triphenia		Novr 5 - 1790			

Children of Jonathan Clark, & Desire his wife.

Jonathan,	born in Charlestown, Rhode island.	Septr 20th 1784.
Joshua,		April 11th 1786.
Abel Potter,		Octr 1st 1788.
Rebecca,		Febr 16th 1790.
Amy,		July 22d 1793.

Samuel, born Octr 14th 1795. Sylvia, born July 9th 1801.

Joseph Crocker, born Novr 21st 1797. Alvan, — Octr 3d 1803.

Children of Archabald Collins and Rhoda his wife

Hannah born Novr 24th 1788

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Children of Samuel Couch & Hannah his Wife

Marcus born May 26, 1790
Phebe — June 26, 1793
Fhirza — Feb 14, 1795 —
Hannah born July 23, 1802
Ferriss — Nov 14, 1806

Children of Stephen Couch & Polly his wife

John Morton born March 7—1794
Susanna Aug 10—1797

Children of Elisha Crocker & Lucy his wife

David born Octr 27th 1775 —
Zeruah born January 18 1778
Sophia born Novr 22—1779
Mira born Septr 17th 1781
Laura born March 18— 1784
Elisha born Novr 11 1785
William born June 18 1789
Electa Lewis May 10th 1791
John Dimmuck March 14 1793
Lucy born May 12 —1795.
Lucius, born April 16th 1798.
Zeruah born Sept. 21st 1801.

Children of Jedediah Crocker and Sally his wife

Noah born Aug. 3–1783 —
Jedediah Davis born May 30 1785
Sarah March 19–1787
Samuel Apl 17—1790
Elizabeth Apl 16—1792
Polly May 2—1795
Philna Aug 1798.

Children of Joseph Crocker & Martha his wife

Sarah born March 16—1782
Benjn born 14—1784
Chrysilda 18—1786
Betsey Clark Novr 18—1788
Polley Apl 3—1790
Asa June 19—1792
Abigail Octr 1—1794
Joseph born Apl 1 1797
William born March 26—1800
Sabrina — March 26 1803

Children of Joseph Crocker Jr and Polly his wife

Elizabeth Wormer born Septr 4–1790
Marcy Hamlin Decr 1—1791 Died Septr 7—1795 —
Temperence born Novr 10—1793 ——
Joseph born Decr 17—1795 Died July 24—1796 ——
Joseph Crocker Jr died Jany 8—1796 in the 30th Year of his age ——

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Children of Josiah Crocker & Hannah his wife

Seth born Jany 5—1796
Thomas March 15—1797 Died April 6—1797
Betsey Crosby born Apl 3d 1798 Died Decr 23—1798
Josiah born Septr 23d 1799.
Betsey born March 3d 1801.
——— born Jany 12th 1803
Theressa born Feby 5th 1804.
Thomas born March 23d 1805.
An infant died Feby 4 1804 †

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Children of Abijah Crosby, & Caty his wife.

Abner, born Novr 4th 1795.
Lyman, — April 16th 1798.
Charles, born Decr 11th 1801.
Thomas — Decr 14th 1804.

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Children of John Crosby Jr and Salome his wife

An infant born March 24 1793 Died Apl 21—1793
An infant born Apl 21—1795 Died May 1st 1795
Salome born July 23–1796.
Horace born Aug. 12, 1799
John, Jan 31, 1801 —
Anna, March 23, 1803
Joseph born July 13, 1805
Josiah — June 28, 1809
Charles — July 4, 1811

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Children of Calvin Davis & Hannah his Wife

Joseph born Feb. 25th 1779.
Isaac born Septr 8th 1801.

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Calvin Davis, Son of Isaac Davis, born March 5th 1778. —

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Reuben Davis Son to John Davis born June 8th 1783

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Children of Nathan Davis and Lucy his wife

Jedediah born May 2—1779 Died May 16—1779
Sarah March 21—1780 Died Novr 1780
Lucy born Septr 11—1781
Hannah Octr 30—1783
Nathan Feb. 16 1786
Charita August 18—1789 —
Isaac Decr 30—1791
Bathsheba August 26—1794
Hope July 17—1796
Marcy July 1799

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Children of Saml Davis & Priscilla his wife

Sally born August 16—1782 —
Hope March 1783 —
Parmele Jany 1785
Rebeca May 15—1787
Saml born June 1790
Priscilla Apl 1792
Wait Novr 26—1794
Lewis March 1797

† Feb. 7, in chh. rec.

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Children of Solomon Davis and Martha his Wife

Sally Davis born May 24th 1783
Patty — Apl 26 1785
Bathsheba — June 27 — 1787
Oziel — Apl 2d 1789
Lucinda born Sepr 21 1791
Betsey Feb. 19—1794
Solomon born Aug. 25—1796

Children of Timothy Davis and Tabitha his wife born March 2d 1741 —

Mary born Falmouth Novr 29th 1761
Thomas born Do May 9th 1764
Anna Davis Do April 22d 1766
Rowland Davis Do Aug. 3 1770
Ephraim born Do Octr 11 — 1772
Timothy born Do Octr 21 — 1774 ——

Children of Stephen Dexter & Lydia his wife

Benjamin Backus born July 30—1795
Eveline born Jany 27—1798

Children of Nathan & Rebecca Dillingham born

Sarah Dillingham born Saty Octr 11th 1783.
Abigail Dillingham born Saty Feby 25th 1786
Rebecca Dillingham — Friday Feby 29th 1788.
William Henry Dillingham Tuesday Augt 3d 1790.
Lucy Dillingham born Saturday, July 14th 1792.
Nathan Dillingham Octr 17th 1794.
John Dillingham Thursday Feb. 16 — 1797
Charles ——— born Monday July 22 1799
Nancy, born April 26th 1802.
George Washington born Octr 20th 1804.
Bourn Green Born May 30th 1807 ———

Children of Asahel Dodge and his wife, born as follows —

Hanah, born January 12th 1776 — Asahel born Novr 23d 1784
Seymour, — April 29th 1778 Sarah — March 18th 1787
Abraham — Septemr 29th 1780 - Samuel — May 29th 1792
Heman — Novr 7th 1782

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Children of Elisha Dodge & Betsey his wife

Harriot —	born	Aug. 13th 1799.
Almira	born	June 6th 1802.
Elisha	—	July 12th 1805.

Children of Henry & Hannah Donnelly ———

Eleazer Donnelly born Novr 9th 1788.
George Gardner Donnelly born Novr 13th 1791.

Children of Silas Easton and Rachel his wife

Polly born January 30th 1795 and Died February 15th 1795
Thomas Nye born Octr 20th 1796

Children of Paul Ewer & Marcy his wife

John born Septr 2—1783 —		Nabby	1791
Tilson	1785	Martha	1793
Polly	1787	Paul	March 28—1795 —
Jane	June 7—1789		

Marcy his wife Died March 28—1795

Children of Abraham Finney & Huldah his wife

Ezra born August 23d 1795
an infant born Jany 17—1797 Died Jany 17—1797

Children of Ancel Finney & Polly his wife

Barnabas born July 23d 1798.
Benjamin Franklin born June 3d 1801 Died Septr 2d 1802 —
Leman Franklin born June 6th 1803 — Mary born March 13th 1811.
Caleb Barnum born July 22d 1805. Anselm Jr. November 2d 1814.
Amanda Manerva June 26th 1807.

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Children of Barnabas Finney & Deborah his wife

Ancel born Decr 25th 1773 — Calvin Feb. 7th 1777
Benjn May 23—1775 — Sylvanus Decr 15th 1778 —
Barnabas Finney died June 30—178 [Last figure omitted.]
Deborah Finney Married Nathl Tobey——Their Children

Experience born	Decr 28—1782
Samuel	Octr 22—1784 —
Marah	Septr 18—1786
Cynthia	May 17—1792 —
Barnabas	March 18 1795—Died Apl 17—1795.

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Children of Jonathan Finney and Sarah his wife

Polly born Octr 19th 1789 Died Novr 1—1791
George born Apl 2—1791 Phebe Feb. 15—1794
Polly July 2—1792 · Selden Septr 1—1795

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Children of Alvan Foot & Sally his wife

Twins born Aug. 4th 1799 One died same day The other's name is John William

Alvan, born June 10th 1801.
Elisha Percival, born, March 10th 1803.
Marshal, born, Nov. 28th 1805.
Sarah — May 22, 1808 —
Jonathan, Dec. 5, 1812 —
Harriot — April 3, 1815
Huldah Jane Feby 7 1821

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Children of Asael Foot and Anne his wife —

Sally born Apl 2—1794
Elizabeth Decr 25—1795 —
Lyman July 9th 1798
Charles May 12th 1800
Amanda — — Jany 13th 1803—
Asahel & Anne twins born Decr 16th 1804
Lydia — — Sepr 13, 1807—

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Children of David Foot & Betsey his wife

Betsey born	June 23—1786 —
Thomas	May 21—1788
Silas	Aug. 18—1791
David	July 11—1792—Died Octr 13—1792
Deliverence	May 3—1794 Temperance, born Nov. 7th 1800.
Laovisa	Novr 29th 1796 — Ransom, Feb. 15th 1802.

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Children of Elisha Foot & Dille his wife & born Apr. 29—1785

Chandser born Aug. 19—1797
Amelia born Feby 1st 1799
Justus Battle " Jany 25th 1801
Ransom Hinman April 13th 1803
Henrietta Jany 19th 1805
Sophia — July 13th 1807
Elisha —— Augt 1, 1809
Delia born at Lenox Apl 5, 1814.
Geo. Franklin born at albany March 13 1817

Children of Fenner Foot and Sarah his wife

Lucinda born Septr 8th 1779
Calvin born Decr 15-1781
Daniel born Feb. 17-1784
Olive born Feb. 2-1786
Jerusha born Octr 20-1789
Erastus born Septr 4 1792
Fenner born Octr 10 1794
Sena born Octr 18th 1796
Cyrus born June 18th 1800.

Children of Jonathan Foot Jr an[d] Deliverence

Elisha born Jany 22 1775 —
Alvan May 29—1777
Jerusha May 22—1780 and died Decr 9—1780 ——
Jerusha Decr 23—1781 John May 7—1791 Died Octr 25—1791
Sylvanus Apl 12—1785 William Aug-24—1793—& Died Octr 1793
Jonathan Feb. 11—1788 —

Children of Lovisa Foot

Melinda born July 22 1789 — Parthenia Octr 12, 1790

Children of Elisha Freeman and Elizabeth his wife

Benjamin born Jany 21—1775
Thomas June 27 1777 and Died June 28 1780
Betsey March 27—1779
Elisha Septr 4—1781
Fanny March 14—1784
Thomas born July 28—1786
Lydia Novr 10—1788
Charles March 16—1793

Children of Wm Freeman & Jerusha his wife

Alva Freeman born October 12th 1791
Sally — born Novr 10th 1793
John Percival born February 23— 1797
Betsey — born February 23 1797 Died March 7—1797
Betsey — born July 18th 1799.

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Children of Varmun Gardner & Mehitable his wife

Sabrina, born Sepr 28, 1795 —
Ira, born Augt 4, 1797 —
Lophina, born Augt 20, 1799 —
James, born Dec 1, 1801 —
Elisha — born Nov 28, 1803—
Benjamin born Dec 5, 1809
Mehitable born March 10, 1812—
Caroline, born May 17, 1814

Children of James Gifford & Sarah his wife

Eunice born Aug. 27th 1792
James born March 10th 1798
Charles Peck born Aug 30, 1805

Children of Jesse and Ruth Gifford

Caty born March 3—1775
Betsey Aug. 20th 1777
Celia May 22—1779
Abraham Jany 8th 1781
Phebe March 23—1783
Thos born Apl 17—1785
Lydia June 10—1787 —
Nabby Apl 11—1789 —
Ruth Octr 18th 1792
Alvan Jany 13th 1794

Children of John Gifford and Jehannah his wife

Sylvanus born Septr 10th 1781 —
Sylvia May 18 — 1783
John born May 31—1785
Jeneverah born Decr 23—1787
Erastus Decr 29—1791—Died Jany 5—1792
Jesse born Feb-19—1793 Died June 29—1794
Lewis Apl 7—1795 Died Apl 11—1795
Sally born Jany 31 1797
Lewis born May 19, 1800

Children of Elisha Graut & Marah his wife

Elisha born Decr 29—1774
Ruth August 22--1776
Esther Octr 14—1778
Prudence Decr 7—1780
Jared Septr 6—1782 Died May 15 1785
David born June 4—1784 —
Thankful May 12—1786
Orris Octr 16—1788
Eunice Apl 17—1791 Died March 19—1794
Polly born Octr 23-1793 Died Novr 10—1795 —
Isaac born Aug. 29, 1797

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Children of Jonathan Graves & Anne his wife

Archalans born Septr 10th 1783
Joseph Novr 5—1785
Jonathan Apl 17—1788
Anne Apl 17—1788
Lester Decr 21 1790
John Decr 21 1790 Died Decr 22—1790
Rebeca Aug. 21—1793 Died Aug. 20—1795 —
Rebeca Octr 27—1796
Alvan & Alma—Twins born Feb. 23d 1799

Children of John Green & Martha his wife

Philo born Decr 14—1791
William born Jany 16—1794
Daniel born Novr 3—1795
Jerusha born Apl 17—1797
Shubel born Feby 17th 1799.
Abisha — Feb. 26th 1801.
Sally born Feby 24 1803
Huldah May 12th 1805.

Children of Abraham Hall & Rachel his wife

Lydia born Jany 6th 1799
John " June 15 1801
Alma born March 25th 1803.
Harriot — Feb 27, 1807
Albert —— Feb 1, 1809

Children of Abraham Hall & Second Rachel his wife

Linus P — born Sepr 23d 1810
Rachel —— March 28, 1812 —
Luther Chaffee May 11, 1816

Children of Moses Hall, & Relief his wife.

Charles, born Septr 12th 1798.
Nancy. — April 14th 1800.
Lucy. — May 29th 1802.
Reuben } Twins, born Augt 9th 1804.
Relief }

Children of Cornelius Hamlin and Mercy his wife

Job born April 21—1795 —
William Finney June 21—1796—Died Octr 23—1797
William Feb. 11 1799
Stephen June 21, 1802.
Lucy F. April 11, 1804
Hannah, June 12, 1806.
Marcy, Nov 22, 1899.
Mary — Jan 20, 1811.
Job — Jan 15. 1813

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Children of David Hamlin and Sally his wife —

Nabby	born	Aug. 4—1795	Nathaniel	———	
Maria,		June 23, 1797.	Benjamin	Augt	8. 1809
David		July 23, 1802.			

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Children of Widow Anne Handy

Obed Handy	born Octr 16 1777	Darius Carpenter	born May 18-1790
Ebenr Handy	born May 21—1779	Orsiah Hoose	— June 19 1793.
Elizabeth Handy	- Apl 15—1784		

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Children of Wait Hatch & Marah his wife

Rebeca born —— 1756 Died May 1—1788
Edward born June 11th 1776 —

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Children of Moses Hill & Polly his wife

Lucy	born Feb. 9—1783	Ira	Decr 1787 †
Justus	born Feb. 9th 1785	Silas	Aug. 1789
Moses	born June — 1786	Sally	Jany 1795
Polly	Sepr 1787 †	Harvey	March 16.1797

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Children of Benjamin Hinckley & Puella Goodspeed his wife

Electa Hinckley	Born	Thomas Goodspeed	Born
Warren Hinckley	Born April 24,	1795	
Charles Hinckley	—— Oct 22	1800	
Luther Thacher Hinckley	——	——	

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Children of Heman Hinkley and Lydia his wife

Zenas	born June 12—1779—	Edmund	Apl 27—1789
Polly	born Apl 26—1781	Carolina	Novr 1—1791
Lucretia	Octr 13—1783	Heman	August 22—1793
Silas	— Octr 1—1785	Benjamin	
Lydia	March — 1787 —		

† As recorded.

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Children of Joseph Hinkley, & Polly his wife

Nabby	born	April 14th 1796.	Barnabas A	—	March 23, 1808
Sally	—	July 5th 1799.	Luman	—	June 12, 1810
Edmund	—	Augt 29th 1800.	Mary	—	June 10, 1812
Hudson	—	Aug. 12th 1803.	Bradford		Feb. 26, 1817
Content Lovel	–	July 3d 1805.	Bathsheba		March 22, 1823

Children of Zina Hinkley, & Elizabeth his wife.

Priscilla born Octr 28th 1799.
Eliza — Octr 2d 1802. Died Octr 17th 1806.
Alvira — Septr 12th 1804.
William — Augt 2d 1806.

Ransom Hinman Born May 14th 1785 —
Polly Battle his Wife " June 5th 1785—in Tyringham
[No child born until 1805.]

Children of Abraham Howk & Esther his wife

Hannah born Octr 24—1793—
Roxe June 1795 — Died Jany 3d 1799

Children of Andrew Howk & Betsey his wife

An infant born Decr 20th 1799 Died Decr 21st 1799

Children of Isaac Howk & Fiche his wife

Richard	born	Apl 1—1787 —	Fiche	born	April 16—1795 —
Caty		Septr 25—1788 —	Alonson,	born	Septr 15, 1799 —
John		March 15 1791	Electa,	born,	Oct. 17, 1801 —
Isaac		July 23, 1793 —			

Isaac Howk Sen. Died Jany 29th 1805

Children of John Howk and Caty his wife

David	born	March 20—1786 —	Mariah	born	Decr 2—1794
Clarry		March 19th 1788	Eliza,		Oct. 14, 1797 —
John		Feb. 7—1790	William,		Jan 19, 1802 —
Caty Hollembeck		Jany 25 1793 —	Alburt,		June 28, 1806

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Children of John Hulett & Sarah his wife —

Achsah	May 5—1784 —
Betsey	Aug -5—1786 —
John	Aug 25—1788 and Died Octr 15—1796
Wealthy	May 19th 1795 † — Died Feb. 8th 1794.
Sally	Feb. 21 1793 and Died June 28—1793 —
Westley	Augt 15—1794 —
John	Octr 13—1796

Sarah his wife died Jany 21—1797 ——

Children of John Hulet & Sarah his wife ‡ ——

Isaac	born	June 22, 1792††	Teressa	born	Feb 26, 1805
Sally	——	Jan 2, 1799	Betsey		April 7, 1811
Abijah	——	Augt 24, 1801	Samuel		Feb. 3, 1814
Fletcher	——	April 6, 1803			

Children of Saml Hulett and Susanna his wife

Chauncy	born March 14th 1790 —	Orren	born May 17—1796
Electa	May 3d 1793		

Children of Sylvanus Hulett and Mary his wife

Sally	born Octr 29th 1787.	Charlott	born Novr 7—179‡‡
Charles	born March 3—1790 —	Rhoda	born June 8th 1795 —

Children of Rev,d Alvan Hyde and Lucy his wife

Alvan	born June 18th 1794	William	born Augt 16th 1806.
Charles Backus	March 24th 1796	Edward	born Sept 15th 1808
Harriot	born March 19— 1798	Chauncey Thompson	Sept 25th 1810
Stephen	born March 24th 1800	Theodore	born Augt 5, 1812
Joseph	born Septr 3d 1802	Alexander Hyde	Sept 25 1814
Lucy	born June 3 1804		

† Date of birth erroneous—The date of death corresponds, within a day, of that given by Dr. Hyde.

‡ Presumably this name should be Hannah—see page 140 for intention of marriage between John Hulett and Hannah Walker of Tyringham—proof of the marriage, however, cannot be given, for the marriage records of that town are wanting for this period.

†† Date printed as recorded.

‡‡ Last figure obliterated —name as recorded.

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Children of Calvin Ingersoll and Lydia his wife ——

Electa	born	May 1—1790	Cyrus	—	Septr 2, 1802
Vashti		Jany 14th 1792 —	Lydia	—	Septr 1, 1804
Philo		Decr 2—1793	David Sanford		Oct. 23, 1806
Leml †		Jany 24—1796 —	Edward M	—	July 23, 1809
Horace,		June 23, 1798	Calvin	—	Feb. 5, 1812 —
Erastus		June 17, 1800			

Children of David Ingersoll and Sarah his wife ——

Erastus	born	Novr 9—1782	David		March 3—1795
Lucinda	born	June 2d 1784 —	Sarah		March 3—1795
Theodore		April 26—1786 —	Elizabeth		June 21—1797
Lucretia		Feb. 9, 1788	Lucy		June 6 1799–
Moses		February 15—1790 —	William & Alvan		
Sophia		March — 1792 —	Elihu Parsons		

[The last three names appear to have been written long after the others.]

See p. 217.

Children of Elijah Ingersoll & Polly his wife

Clarrissa	born	May 24th 1787	Isaac		—— 1797
Bathsheba	—	Apl 14th 1789	Elisha		Jany 7th 1799
Nathan	—	Jany 8— 1791	Lucinda		—— 1802
Laban	—	Feby 5th 1793	George Washington		1804
Levi	—	March 10—1795 —			

Children of Jared Ingersoll and Élizabeth his wife

Ebenr Kniblow	born	June 29—1784	Elizabeth		June 1795
Polly		June 5—1785	Rhoda		May 8 1797
Lois		Jany 29—1787	Ashur	born	Nov 5, 1799
John		Sepr 23—1788	Stephen J.	"	Nov 6, 1801
David		June 10—1790	Phadime	"	Oct. 24, 1803
Merit		March 16—1792	Milton	"	Jan. 22, 1806
Reuben		Septr 26—1793	Jared	"	July 30, 1808.

† Indist.not -may be Lemi.

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Children of Moses Ingersoll and Eunice his wife

Elener	born	March 11—1771	John Calvin	Apl	13—1780
Anne	born	March 13—1776	Billey born	Apl	10th 1782
Luther	born	Jany 8—1778	Betsey born	Apl	10—1782

Eunice his wife died Novr 19th 1785 in the 50th year of her age ——

Children of Moses Ingersoll & Se[c]ond Prudence his Wife ——

Moses born May 27, 1797 Eunice born Sepr 13, 1798

Children of William Ingersoll Jr and Marcy his wife

Lydia	born	Novr 10th 1783	Joseph	Decr	22—1796—
Seth Crocker	born	May 1— 1785	James	May	7th 1799
William	born	March 21 1787	Marshal	Jan	29, 1802.
Celia		Jany 21— 1790	Charles	May	2, 1804.
Sarah		June 21— 1792	Harriot	Jan	21—1807
Thomas		Novr 2— 1794 —			

Children of Ebenezer Jenkins Junr & Lydia his wife.

Henry Willm	born	Aug. 17th 1793.	Lydia,	born	Sept. 3d 1800.
Nathan,	born	Feby 11th 1795.	Elizabeth,	born	July 1st 1802.
Josiah,	born	Nov. 9th 1796.	Warren,	born	April 12th 1804.
Ebenezer,	born	Sept. 12th 1798.	Marshal,	born	Aug. 15th 1806.

Children of Saml Jones and Remember his wife

Anne	born	June 30—1793	Caroline	born	April 9th 1797
Deborah Smith	born	August11—1795	Saml	born	May -- 1799

Children of John Keep and Elizabeth his wife

Olive	born	July 30—1789	James	Septr	30—1792
Abbe		Jany 18—1791	Jabez	Feb.	14—1794

Elizabeth his wife Died Feb. 20—1796 Married Abigail Lenester

Lenester born Sep. 6—1797

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Children of Arnold Lamphier & Anne his wife

Lois	(Windham)	Nov 26, 1796
Joseph	(Wt Greenwich R. I.)	Oct 7, 1797
Lorticus	(Springfield)	Apl 13, 1799
Lyman	do	Feb 6 1801
Arnold	(Mansfield)	May 18 1803
Zalmon	(Washington)	Aug 18 1805
Anne	(Hinsdale)	Oct 27, 1807
Lena	(do)	Apr 8, 1810
Angelina Matilda	(Saratoga)	March 22, 1812
Else	(Grafton N. Y.)	Feb. 18, 1816
Moses	———	——— 1818 died
Charles Bishop Moses	(Lee)	Feb. 22, 1822

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Children of Zacheus Maltby and Ruhamah his wife

Ezra Burchard born April 1—1798 — Mercy born Feby 9th 1800

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Betsey Mansfield born Jany 27—1772

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Children of Reuben Marsh & Lydia his Wife

Alpheus born	Septr 27, 1792	William	—	July 1, 1796
Triphena —	March 2, 1794	Amasa	—	April 24, 1800

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Children of Thomas Miller & Annis his wife

Daniel Gain Miller born Septr 23d 1796

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Children of John Nye and Lois his wife

Stephen born	Aug. 22—1780	Died Novr 10—1780
Esther	Novr 1—1781	Died Decr 1—1781
Hannah born	Novr 17—1782	
John	Jany 19—1785	
Ira	———22—1787	Died May 22—1787
Ira	Apl 10—1788	
Esther	Decr 19—1790	
Lois	Feb. 22—1793	
Charles	Jany 6—1796	Died March 6—1796

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Children of Levi Nye and Sarah his wife

Joshua	born	August 24th 1767	Levi	May 6th	1777
Benjamin		February 9th 1769	Sally	July 28	1780
Marah and Rachel		Septr 1 1772			
Thomas		Aug — 26—1774	Thomas Died		

Children of Seth Nye and Amey his wife

Elisha	born	Septr 23—1782	Betsey	born	Septr 13—1791
Jerod	born	Septr 5—1785	Joshua	born	Septr 26 1795
Caleb	born	Novr 2d 1787	Sally	born	Novr 23—1797
Thankful	born	Aug. 26—1789			

Children of George Parker & Remember his wife.

Hannah	born March 18th 1780	Mahala	Aug. 17,	1791
Rebecca	Aug. 31— 1782	Benjn	Jany	1795
Remember	Aug. 21 1784	Susana	May 21,	1797
Nathan	Decr 29, 1789			

Children of Salmon Peck & Anne his wife

Olive born	Jany 7th 1793	Moses Ingersol born	——
Hiram born	Octr 5th 1797.		

Children of Jacob Penoyer and Alice his wife

Sally born Jany 19th 1795 —— Marcy born Aug. 10th 1797

John Percival Born	November 6th 1754	at Sandwich
Ruth Percival Born	January 9th 1759	at Falmouth
Betsy Percival Born	October 20th 1777	
Lydia Percival Born	february 12th 1779	
John Percival Jur Born	April 25th 1781	
Ruth Percival Born	April 25th 1783	
Samuel Percival Born	August 29th 1785	
James Percival Born	June 5th 1788	
Mont Gomery Percival Born	Sepr 25th 1790	
Hannah Gates Percival born	Jany 12— 1793	
Content — born	Feb 28 1796	
Nabby — born	Feb —— 1798	

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Children of Abm Perry and Temperence his wife

S[illegible]	born	Apl 3—1789	— Died Apl 18—1789 —
Polly	born	Apl 11—1790	
Arthur	born	Jany 27—1792	
Diadama		Decr 9th 1793	
Abram	born	Decr 30 1797	
Lyman		Jany 5th 1801	Died March 9th 1802.
Tempey	born	Novr 4th 1803	

Wm. Perry's children, p.317.

Sylvanus Phinney born Dec. 15. 1778
Lucy (formerly Kingsley of Becket,) his wife March 12, 1781
[No child born until 1803—This record found after the note on page 144 was printed.]

Children of Reuben Pixley Jr and Polly his wife
Reuben born Tuesday Octr 6th 1795

Children of Oliver Pool & Lucy his wife
Orrin born Aug. 23d 1797. Lucy born May 1st 1800

Children of Levi G. Porter and his wife

Huldah	born	Feb. 28th 1786 and died March 13—1794
Philander		Feb. 29—1788
Horace	—	June 15—1790
Rhoda	—	Apl 20—1792 and died June 5—1795
Levi Goodwin		Apl 10—1794
Abel		Apl 15—1796 ——

Children of Samuel Porter & Prudence his wife

Ebenezer	born	Octr 8th 1776	
Samuel		July 12—1779	Died Feb. 20th 1784
Mary		Septr 17th 1781	
Grace		Jany 2—1784	
Abigail		Octr 5th 1786	
Laura		May 7th 1789	
Lydia		July 25 1791	
Kimbal		Novr 26—1795	And died March 7th 1796

Joel Putnam's children, p. 317.

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Children of John Reed & Elizabeth his wife ——

Amanda born May 21—1795
Fear born May 26—1796
Anne born Decr 24th 1797
Paulina born June 24th 1799

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Children of John Remmele & Hannah his Wife

Lydia born Sepr 3, 1797
Hannah — Feb 20, 1800
John M — June 13, 1802
Curtis } twins Sepr 22d 1806
Calista }

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Children of Simeon Reynolds, & Zeruah his wife

Cyrus Almond, born	——	June 11th 1786.
Polly Asenath, born	——	March 23d 1791.
Edward, born	——	Sept 21st 1793.
Rachel, born in Benson Vermont,		April 8th 1800.
Lucy, born		Decr 1st 1803.
David, born		Aug. 31st 1806.
Simeon Jun		Jany 13 1809

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Children of Amos Roberts & Susanna his wife ——

William born Novr 21— 1778 —
Deborah born May 11th 1780
Dorse born March 22— 1782, and died Octr 17th 1783 —
Timothy born June 11— 1784 —
Amos March 8th 1786
Anne —— Apl 11th 1788 —
Dorse June 28th 1790 —
Susanna Decr 11th 1793—
Sheirman Apl 24th 1785 †
Elijah born June 18 1799.

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Children of Levi Robinson & Elizabeth his wife

Amos Benton born Octr 9—1784‡ —
Sally Novr 21- 1784‡
Betsey July 26- 1786
Polly Feb. 18—1790
Fanny August 9—1794
Amanda Jany 31—1796

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Children of Ephraim Sheldon & Lydia his wife

Lydia born May 6th 1795

† Doubtless intended for 1795.
‡ Dates printed as recorded.

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Children of Benjn Smith and Sarah his wife

Lydia	born	Septr 14—1777	Matthias	born	Feb. 10th 1786
Meribah —		Octr 24 1779	Sarah	born	Feb. 21 —1788
Benjn		Novr 1—1781	Assenath		March 27 1793
William		Octr 8—1783			

Children of Ebenr Squire & Adrye his wife

Sally	born	Septr 18th 1781	Daniel	born	March 5—1784

Children of John Starnes and Lucy his wife ——

Polly	born	March 16 1780	
Sally	—	July 22—1781	
John	—	March 29—1783	
Abijah	—	Octr 22 1784	Abijah Died 1786
Fanny	—	August 26—1786	
Thomas		July 5 1788	Died July 14—1799
Abijah	born	June 27 89	
Betsey	—	June 3—1790	Betsey Died Octr 5th 1799.
James	—	Octr 4—1792	
Bulah	—	Novr 2 - 1793	
Danl	—	Septr 29—1795	

Children of Benjn Stevens and Sarah his wife

Susanna	born	Aug. 29—1785	Sally	born	March 8—1791
Marcy		Aug 29—1787	Chauncy		Jany 27—1793
Lucy		Feb 20 1789	Benjn		May 19 1795

Children of James Stevens and Lucretia his wife

An Infant	born	Decr 3—1792	Died Decr 3—1792
Richard Williams	born	March 17th 1794 —	
Norman Denison	Born	March 18th 1798	
Zar Banfford	"	March 25th 1800	
Roxa Minerva	"	Decr 8th 1803	
Lydia Millonia	"	March 7th 1807 —	
Anna Williams	"	May 4th 1803	

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Children of Squire Stone & Rebecca his wife

Triphena	born June 20th 1790	Almes	born Feb. 23, 1796
Harvey	March 9th 1792	Palmira	March 3 1798.
Zaphne	March 22 1794	William	Septr 13th 1799

Children of William Sturges & Salome his wife

Samuel	born June 2— 1796	John,	April 4, 1807.
Nabby	born May 24th 1798.	Persis,	May 4, 1809.
William	Aug. 1 1800	Ebenezer	Feb 7, 1812
Franklin	born Septr 4th 1802.	Eliza	July 4, 1814.
Sally	Septr 7th 1804.	Josiah	1816

Children of John Thatcher, & Parna his wife.

Luther Robinson	born in Wareham Jany 15th 1791.		
Hannah	born in Wareham Septr 6th 1792.		
Lucy	born in Leicester June 1st 1796.		
Thomas	born Septr 9th 1798.	Emily	— April 4th 1806.
Sylvia	— March 22d 1800.	Harriot	— March 7, 1808

Children of Timothy Thatcher, & Dorothy his wife.

Crocker,	born Octr 9th 1800.	Adah Ells	— Feby 25th 1808 —
Charles Skinner,	— May 5th 1802.	Eliel	— Feb—12— 1812
Betsey Freeman	— Jany 23d 1803.	Martha	— Feby 5, 1815
Bulkley	— March 22d 1806.		

Children of Doct. Nathaniel Thayer, & Anne his wife.

William Austin, born in Woodbury, State of Connecticut, August 5th 1792.
Lucius Fowler, born in Durham, State of Connecticut, June 21st 1797.
Nancy Lucretia, born November 27th 1804.

Children of Elijah Thomas & Patience his wife

Patience	born Feb. 24—1780	Abraham	Ang. 11—1790
Nathan	Feb. 4—1783 —	Isaac	Aug. 11—1790
Asa	Novr 10—1785	Ezra	June 25 1794
		Rebeca	Septr 2—1796 —

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Children of Dr Gideon Thompson & Olive his Wife

Rhoda born December 11th 1786 Chauncy — May 24 1790
Hezekiah Orton Novr 11th 1789 Olive — Aug. 1st 1793

Children of Samuel Tilley and Hannah his wife

Electa born July 16—1786
Marcy June 21 1788 Died July 5—1789
Rhoda Novr 13—1791 Lucy Apl 10—1794 —

For children of Nathaniel and Deborah Tobey, see page 155.

Children of Steph Tobey and Lydia his wife

Nathaniel born Septr 10th 1775 & died the 18th
Remember born Apl 11 1777 Asael born Novr 21—1790
Celia born Apl 10— 1780 Sarah born June 17 1793
Steph born Decr 20— 1782 Mary born Aug. 14—1796
Lydia born July 7 1785 An infant born March 12th 1799
Nathl born Feb. 17 1788 Died same day

Children of Laurance Vandusen and Christeen his wife

Betsey born Octr 14 1790
Isaac March 7—1793 Died Decr 4—1793
Andrew Septr 8 1794 Christeen Van Deusen born May 27—1797

Richard Montgomery Walker, Son of Caleb & Huldah Walker, born Friday February 8th 1788——Huldah, Wife of Caleb Walker deceesed March 16th 1788

Caleb Walker died at Genesee in the Summer of 1790.——

Children of Henry Wansey & Chloe his wife

Betsey born Feb. 24—1783 — Electa Novr 24—1789
Reuben May 10—1784 Esther March 25—1791
John Decr 28—1786 Lucretia Apl 22—1793 —
Benjn Apl 28—1788—— Jared Apl 1—1795

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Children of Daniel West and Elizabeth his wife

Elizabeth born	Feb. 28th 1776	Died Jany 23d 1785	
Zeruiah born	April 4th 1777	Elizabeth	March 18th 1788
Thomas Tracy	Septr 21 1798 †	Orson	Jany 4— 1791
Daniel born	Aug. 1, 1780.	Pelatiah	Feb. 26— 1793
Lucy	May 19th 1782	Alvah	June 21— 1795
Sally	Feb. 25— 1784	Eunice at Lenox	June 29th 1797
Ira	May 24th 1786.		

Children of Elijah West and Marah his wife

Jeduthan born	Novr 5, 1779	Erastus	Aug. 29—1783
Orange	Aug. 5— 1781	Deborah	Septr 5—1785
Parmelia	Aug. 27— 1787	Died March 12—1789	
Ashbel	May 10— 1789		
Wareham	Apl 7th 1791	Alpheus born	Novr 1—1795-
Sabara	June 28— 1793	Edna born	Decr 5—1797

Mary West Daughter to Elisha West and Olive his Wife Born March the 4th 1772

Prudence West Daughter to Elisha West and Olive his Wife Born December the 9th AD: 1773

Ann West Daughter to Elisha West and Olive his Wife Born October the 31st AD: 1775

John Bruster West Son to Elisha West and Olive his Wife Born December the 11th AD: 1777

Children of Jonathan West & Elizabeth his wife

Miner born	Feb. 29— 1774		
David born	June 18th 1775	Died Octr 17—1777	
Lydia born	Octr 9th 1776	Died Octr 8—1777	
David	July 4— 1778	—	
An infant born	Jany 17th 1779	Died Jany 19—1779	
Jared	June 11— 1780		
an infant born	July 1781	— Died July —1781	
Betsey born	Aug. 5— 1782	Jonathan	March 30—1786
Laura	Feb. 11— 1784—	Thomas	Aug 24—1787
Lydia	Decr 24— 1788	Died Decr 14—1790 —	
Lois born	Feb. 29— 1791	Alvan	May 29th 1793
Lydia	Feb. 29— 1791	Susanna	Jany 15th 1795

Jonathan West Died Septr 1795

† Evidently a mistake for 1778.

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Children of Levi West and Bathsheba his wife who died Apl 20th 1805

Nabby born	June 16— 1784				
Nathaniel	Septr 13— 1785				
Patty	August 13— 1787	Died April—1791 ——			
Amasa	August 4th 1789 —				
Patty	Novr 6— 1791	Anne	Feb. 29— 1796 —		
Marcy	Novr 30— 1793	Mercy	June 18th 1798		

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Children of Prince West and Hannah his wife —

Bathsheba born	Aug. 12— 1763.	Heman born	June 7th 1777.
Hannah	Jany 13th 1766	Amey	October 30th 1779 —
John	Feb. 15th 1770.	Philo	Feb. 16th 1782.
Sylvanus	July 23, 1772.	Ezekiel	May 2d 1784.
Christopher	Decr 14, 1774	Prince	Novr 1st 1786——

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Children of William Whitney and Sarah his wife born Aug. 13—1754

Nabby born	Apl 10—1774	William	Jany 9—1782
Sarah	Apl 23—1776	Clarissa	Septr 6—1785
Patty	Novr 6—1778	John	Jany 29—1788
Mary	June 26—1790	Died July 27—1790	
Marah	Septr 27—1791		
Richard	Feb. 10—1795	Died April 23—1796	
Esther	Octr 5 1797		

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Children of Joseph Whiton & Amanda his Wife

Semanthe	born	Augt 30, 1794	Edward V	—	June 2d	1805
Harriot	—	March 7, 1796	Eliza	—	April 16,	1807
Amanda	—	Octr 10, 1797	Catharine	—	March 8,	1810
Joseph Lewis	—	July 14, 1799	Agnes	—	Augt 12,	1813
Daniel G	—	March 20, 1801				

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Children of Daniel Willcox and Lydia his wife

Hudson born Monday October 12th 1795 ——
Electa born Saturday Apl 12 1800
John born Sabbath Feby 21st 1802
Hudson Died May 28th Seven o Clock P. M. 1802

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Children of Edward Willcox & Deborah his wife

Edward born Septr 14—1790 Sally Feb. 22—1794 ——
Randal Decr 9—1792

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Peter Willcox born Killingsworth, June 6th 1735
Jerusha his wife born Coventry Decr —1738 and Died May 30th 1778
Their Children born as follows

Oziel born Aug. 16—1759 and was Killed at Sheffield March 27th 1787
Sarah born Jany 30—1761 Jerusha born March 22 1769
Daniel born May 16th 1763 Ephraim Willcox Decr 24th 1773
Peter born July 12th 1765 Erastus Willcox Feby 26 1775
Elijah born Aug 26th 1767 Sena born May 17 1777

Peter Willcox Married to Tabitha Davis Feb. 1779 —
Phebe born July 10th 1779 Electa born March 2d 1781

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Children of Peter Willcox Jr & Polly his wife

Jerusha born Septr 10th 1784 Lee
Polly born Apl 29 1786 Lee
Rhoda born October 16th 1788 Warrens bush
Oziel born Jany 9th 1791 Warrens-bush
Peter born July 2d 1793 Warrens bush —

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Children of Ephriam Williams & Mima his Wife

Nancy C— born Feb 16, 1800 Thomas G. born March 16, 1811
Lucretia W. " Feb. 8, 1805 Thankful C. — March 14, 1815

———

Children of Josiah Willoughby and Sally his wife

Polly born March 29—1794 —— Lydia born July 27—1796

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Children of Jacob Winegar and Anne his wife.

Zacheus born May 10th 1798
Anna Clarena Born June 2d 1800
Anne born June 16th 1802.

Children of Jacob Winegar & Sally his 2d wife

Oliver West born Augt 8th 1804. Elizabeth — Feb. 19, 1811.
Sophronia born July 2d 1805. Jacob — July 30. 1813.
Thankful Nov. 15th 1806. Sally — Octr 31, 1815.
Loisa born June 5th 1809.

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Children of John Winegar & Betsey his wife

Caty	born May	31—1765.			
Saml	Feb.	11—1767			
Zacheus	Novr	25—1768	Died March 4—179†		
Jacob	July	18—1773		Jesse	Feb. 11—1780
Huldah	Aug.	31—1774		David	Jany 8—1781
Betsey	Apl	6—1775.		Stephen	Novr 13—1784
John	June	10—1777		Electa	Aug. 10—1786

Children of Saml Winegar & Tabitha his wife

John born Septr 19th 1797. Elizabeth March 3d 1799

Samuel Wood and Azubah his Wife

Christian Wood son to Samuel Wood and Azubah his wife Born february the 24th AD: 1775 ——

Azubah Wood Daughter to Samuel Wood and Azubah his Wife born March 30th 1777

Children of Jeremiah Wormer and Keshe his wife

Polly	born Novr	20—1773.		Richard	Decr 12—1784
Mime	March	1—1776		Laurance	February 11—1790
Hannah	Aug—	10—1779			

Children of Joseph & Elizabeth Wyllys

Huldah born Feb. 17th 1787
Rhoda — Feb. 11th 1790 and Died Apl 10th 1790
Elizabeth Apl 10th 1792. And Died May 8th 1792
Maria — May 26th 1793
William Augustus born Octr 8th 1795

Children of Capt Josiah Yale & Ruth his Wife.

Eunice Yale	born July	7th 1777	John	boru	July 13—1788
Betsey —	—	May 28th 1779	Lucy Tracy	—	Octr 24—1791
Ruth —	—	Jany. 18th 1782	Electa	—	Aug. 22—1794
Cyrus Yale	born May	17th 1786	Josiah	—	Jnly 29—1796

† Last figure obliterated, but the date on the stone over his grave is 1791.

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Deaths.

The necrology of the early years of the town is very brief. The inscriptions on a few crumbling stones in the cemetries, and the short list of deaths given in connection with the family birth records, contain it all until 1792, when Mr. Hyde commenced his admirable Church Records, included in which is a carefully recorded list of deaths which occurred in town during his pastorate.

The death of Pelatiah West is given after the birth record of Elijah and Marah West's children, and the deaths of several of the Crocker family, after the birth record of Joseph and Polly Crocker's children; but except as connected with the records of births, there is no registry of a death on the Town Records until that of Molly Casey, May, 1795, and there is no other recorded until 1797. Scattered here and there on several of the pages allotted to the birth records, are entries of some of the deaths in town between 1797 and 1804—the list for 1799 being nearly complete. In 1804 a systematic record was commenced, and has been continuously kept. These scattered entries, and also those deaths noticed in the preceding Family Birth Records, are here arranged chronologically. The latter are designated by the page on which they are printed, being placed after them; the others are printed as recorded. Some of the dates and ages given in this record, Dr. Hyde's, and in the inscriptions in the cemeteries do not correspond. These are noted if the discrepancy is marked.

1775.

Sep. 18——Nathaniel, s. of Stephen and Lydia Tobey, æ. 8 d. P. 170.

1777.

Oct. 9——Lydia, d. of Jonathan and Elizabeth West, æ. 1 y. P. 171.

Oct. 17——David, s. of Jonathan and Elizabeth West, æ. 2 y., 4 m. P. 171.

1778.

May 30——Jerusha, w. of Peter Wilcox, æ. 39 y., 5 m. P. 173.

May ———Esther, d. of Aaron and Marah Benedict. P. 147.

1779.

Jan. 19——Child of Jonathan and Elizabeth West, æ. 2 d. P. 171.

May 16——Jedediah, s. of Nathan and Lucy Davis, æ. 14 d. P. 152.

July 13——Eunice, d. of Aaron and Marah Benedict, æ. 2 d. P. 147.

1780.

June 28——Thomas, s. of Elisha and Elizabeth Freeman, æ. 3 y. P. 156.

Nov. 10——Stephen, s. of John and Lois Nye, æ. 2 m., 19 d. P. 164.

Nov. ———Sarah, d. of Nathan and Lucy Davis, æ. about 8 m. P. 152.

Dec. 9——Jerusha, d. of Jonathan and Deliverence Foot. P. 156.

["Jerusha, died January 7th, 1781, aged 7 months." Inscription in cemetery.]

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1781.

July ——Child of Jonathan and Elizabeth West. P. 171.
Dec. 1——Esther, d. of John and Lois Nye, æ. 1 m. P. 164.

1782.

Feb. 5——Marcy, d. of Levi and Temperence Chase, æ. 4 w. P. 150.

1783.

May 10——Daniel, s. of Daniel and Hannah Church, æ. 10 y., 11 m. P. 150.
Oct. 17——Dorse, d. of Amos and Susanna Roberts, æ. 1 y., 7 m. P. 167.

1784.

Feb. 16——Daniel, s. of Daniel and Hannah Church, æ. 5 m., 8 d. P. 150.
Feb. 20——Samuel. s. of Samuel and Prudence Porter, æ. 4 y., 6 m. P. 166.
Apl. 15——Hannah, w. of Daniel Church. P. 150.—[—"in the 44th year of her age."—Inscription in cemetery.]
Aug. 1——Sarah, d. of Nathan and Ruhamah Ball, æ. 11 y., 3 m. P. 145.
[Date of death taken from inscription in the cemetery.]
Oct. 4——John, s. of Archalaus and Sarah Chadwick, æ. 1 y., 11m. P. 149.

1785.

Jan. 23——Elizabeth, d. of Daniel and Elizabeth West, æ. 9 y. P. 171.
Mar. 19——Nancy, d. of Cornelius Jr. and Abigail Bassett, of small pox, æ. 1 y., 19 d. P. 147.
May 15——Jared, s. of Elisha and Marah Grant, æ. 2 y., 8 m. P. 157.
May ——Seth, s. of Levi and Temperence Chase, æ. about 2 y. P. 150.
Nov. 19——Eunice, w. of Moses Ingersoll in the 50th yr. of her age. P. 163.
[The inscription in cemetery and Dr. Hyde's record give 1795 as the year of death, and both state in the 51st year of her age.]

1786.

Abijah, s. of John and Lucy Starnes. P. 168.
["A Bijah Son to Mr JOHN STARN'S Died June 27th AD 1789 in ye 5 ye ar of his age."—Inscription in South Lee cemetery.]

1787.

Mar. 27——Oziel, s. of Peter and Jernsha Willcox, Killed at Sheffield, æ. 27 y., 7 m., 11 d. P. 173.
May 22——Ira, s. of John and Lois Nye. P. 164.
Pelatiah West Died July—11—1787——
Aug. 20——Samuel, s, of Archalaus and Sarah Chadwick, æ. 1 y., 5 m., 24 d. P. 149.

1788.

Mar. 16——Huldah, w. of Caleb Walker. P. 170.
May 1——Rebeca, d. of Wait and Marah Hatch, æ. about 32 y. P. 159.

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1789.

Mar. 12——Parmelia, d. of Elijah and Marah West, æ. 1 y., 6 m., 13 d. P. 171.
Apl. 18——Child of Abraham and Temperence Perry, æ. 15 d. P. 166.
May 23——Child of Joseph and Eunice Bradley—"Died immediately." P. 148.
July 5——Marcy, d. of Samuel and Hannah Tilley, æ. 1 y., 15 d. P. 170.

1790.

Apl. 10——Rhoda, d. of Joseph and Elizabeth Wyllys, æ. 2 m. P. 174.
July 11——Marah, w. of Aaron Benedict. P. 147.
[—"in the 34th year of her age."—Inscr ption in cemetery.]
July 27——Mary, d. of William and Sarah Whitney, æ. 1 m. P. 172.
July 31——Charity, w. of Col. Jared Bradley. P. 148.
[—"in the 32d year of her age."—Inscription in cemetery.]
Aug. 13——Desire, w. of Abiathar Chadwick. P. 149.
[—"in the 35th year of her age."—Inscription in cemetery.]
Caleb Walker Died at Genesee in the Summer of 1790. P. 170.
Sep. 8——Betsey. d. of George and Betsey Bennett, æ. 5 m. P. 147.
Dec. 14——Lydia, d. of Jonathan and Elizabeth West, æ. about 2 y. P. 171.
Dec. 22——John, s. of Jonathan and Anne Graves, æ. 1 d. P. 158.

1791.

Jan. 27——Child of Jesse Jr. and Lucy Bradley. P. 148.
Mar. 4——Zacheus, s. of John and Betsey Winegar. P. 174. [—"in the 23d year of his age."—Inscription in cemetery.]
Apl. ——Patty, d. of Levi and Bathsheba West, æ. about 3 y., 8 m. P. 172.
July ——Child of Cornelius and Remember Bassett. P. 146.
July 27——Tabitha, d. of Levi and Temperence Chase, æ. 20 d. P. 150.
Oct. 25——John, s. of Jonathan and Deliverence Foot, æ. 5 m. P. 156.
[Date given in inscription in cemetery is Oct. 9, 1791.]
Nov. 1——Polly, d. of Jonathan and Sarah Finney, æ. 2 y., 12 d. P. 155.

1792.

Jan. 5——Erastus, s. of John and Jehannah Gifford, æ. 1 w. P. 157.
May 8——Elizabeth, d. of Joseph and Elizabeth Wyllys, æ. 4 w. P. 174.
Hannah Crocker Died June 18—1792 in the 60th year of her age.
Oct. 13——David, s. of David and Betsey Foot, æ. 3 m. P. 155
Nov. 2——Thomas, s. of Levi and Sarah Nye. P. 165.-[—"in the 19th year of his age."—Date of death and age taken from inscription in cemetery.]
Dec. 17——Child of James and Lucretia Stevens—died day of birth. P. 168.

1793.

Mar. 16——Child of Reuben and Nabby Barlow. P. 146.
Apl. 21——Child of John and Salome Crosby, æ. 4 w. P. 152.
June 28——Sally, d. of John and Sarah Hulett, æ. 4 m., 1 w. P. 161.
Aug. 26——Zafne, s. of James and Achsah Austin, æ. 18 m. P. 144.
Oct. ——William, s. of Jonathan Jr. and Deliverence Foot. P. 156.
["William died Oct 1st 1792, aged 5 weeks."—Inscription in cemetery.]
Nov. 13——Deliverence, w. of Ichabud Backus. P. 144.
Dec. 4——Isaac, s. of Laurence and Christeen Vandusen, æ. 9 m. P. 170.

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1794.

Feb. 8——Wealthy, d. of John and Sarah Hulett. P. 161.

Mar. 13——Huldah, d. of Levi G. Porter, æ. 8 y., 13 d. P. 166.

Mar. 19——Eunice, d. of Elisha and Marah Grant, æ. 2 y., 11 m., 2 d. P. 157.

June 29——Jesse, s. of John and Jehannah Gifford, æ. 1 y., 4 m., 10 d. P. 157.

Peter Willcox Jr born at Richmond July 12th 1765 and died in Grenville of 48 hours illness of the billious Cholic July 16th AD 1794 in the thirtieth year of his age.

1795.

Feb. 15——Polly, d. of Silas and Rachel Easton, æ. 16 d. P. 154.

Mar. 28——Marcy, w. of Paul Ewer. P. 154.

[Date and age from inscription in cemetery:—"March 18th, 1795"—"in the 39th year of her age."]

Widow Abigail Crocker died Apl 10—1795 in the 90 Year of her age.

Apl. 11——Lewis, s. of John and Jehannah Gifford, æ. 4 d. P. 157.

Apl. 17——Barnabas, s. of Nathaniel and Deborah Tobey, æ. 1 m. P. 155.

Aug. 20——Rebeca, d. of Jonathan and Anne Graves, æ. 2 y. P. 158.

May 1——Child of John and Salome Crosby, æ. 11 d. P. 152.

Molly Casey Died May 1795.—[May 5, aged 24 y. Dr. Hyde's record.]

June 5——Rhoda, d. of Levi G. Porter—in her 4th year. P. 166.

Sep. 7——Marcy Hamlin, d. of Joseph Jr. and Polly Crocker—in her 4th year. P. 151.

Jonathan West Died Septr 1795. P. 171.

Nov. 10——Polly, d. of Elisha and Marah Grant, æ. 2 y., 17 d. P. 157.

1796.

Joseph Crocker Jr died Jany 8—1796 in the 30th Year of his age. P. 151.

Feb. 20——Elizabeth, w. of John Keep. P. 163.—[—"in the 40th year of her age."—Dr. Hyde's record.]

Mar. 6——Charles, s. of John and Lois Nye, æ. 2 m. P. 164.

Mar. 7——Kimbal, s. of Samuel and Prudence Porter. P. 166.

[The inscription in cemetery and Dr. Hyde give 15 months as the age, which does not correspond with the record on page 166. Probably he was born in 1794 instead of 1795, as there given.]

Apl. 23——Richard, s. of William and Sarah Whitney, æ. 1 y., 2 m., 13 d. P. 172.

Capt. Thomas Crocker died July 5—1796 in the 62 Year of his age —

July 24——Joseph, s. of Joseph and Polly Crocker, æ. 7 m., 1 w. P. 151.

Sep. 17——Child of Reuben and Nabby Barlow—died day of birth. P. 146.

Oct. 15——John, s. of John and Sarah Hulett, æ. 8 y., 1 m., 20 d. P. 161

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1797.

Jan. 2—Betsey, d. of Seth and Bethiah Burden, æ. 5 y., 1 m. P. 149.
Jan. 17—Child of Abraham and Huldah Finney—died day of birth. P. 154.
Jan. 21—Sarah, w. of John Hulet. P. 161. [—"aged 33 yrs."—Dr. Hyde's rec.]
Pegg Casey died Feb. 16—1797—["—in the 16th year of her age."—Dr. Hyde's record.]
Ebenezer Chadwick Jr Died Feb,y 25th 1797—
[—"in the 25th year of his age."—Dr. Hyde's record.]
Mar. 7—Betsey, d. of William and Jerusha Freeman, æ. 12 d. P. 156.
Apl. 6—Thomas, s. of Josiah and Hannah Crocker, æ. 3. w. P. 152.
May 26—Child of Ancel and Hannah Bassett, æ. 20 d. P. 146.
Eleazer Turner Died at Lee July 29th 1797.—
[—"in the 30th year of his age."—Dr. Hyde's record.]
Died at Lee Aug. 30 Widow Silence Chase.
[—"in the 76th year of her age."—Dr. Hyde's record.]
Sep. 22—Child of Eleazer Turner Died Septr 22d 1797 aged 6 months.
Oct. 23—William Finney, s. of Cornelius and Mercy Hamlin, æ. 1 y., 4 m. P. 158.
Mr David Perrys wife died Decr 19th 1797 [See pp. 287, 297.]
Mr Nathan Ball Died Decr 29th 1797 in the 61st Year of his age.

1798.

Jan. 19—Harriet, d. of Cornelius and Abigail Bassett, æ. 2 y., 9 d. P. 147.
Mr John Winegar died March 14th 1798—
[—"Aged 55 years & 2 M"—See p. 301.]
Mr Benjamin Hamlin Died May 2d 1798—
[—"in the 67th year of his age."—See p. 303.]
May 4—Child of James and Achsah Austin—died day of birth. P. 144.
Dennis Casey Died may 6th 1798 —
[—" aged 20 years."—Dr. Hyde's record.]
Anner Bassett Daughter of Nathan Bassett Died June 5th 1798
[—"aged 18 years."—See p. 290.]
Katharine Winegar Died June 13th 1798 —
[—"aged 33 years & 13 days".-See p. 301.]
Cynthia Chadwick Died July 28th 1798—
[—"aged 13 years."—Dr. Hyde's record.]
Zeruiah Crocker Died Septr 2d 1798 —
[—"in the 21st year of her age".—See p. 291.]
Dec. 23—Betsey Crosby, d. of Josiah and Hannah Crocker, æ. 8 m., 20 d. P. 152.

1799.

Jan. 3—Roxe, d. of Abraham and Esther Howk—in her 4th yr. P. 160.
Phineas Graves's wife Died Jany 7th 1799
Remember Tobey Died Feb. 7th 1799—
[—"in the 22 year of her age."—See p. 295.]
Widow Elizabeth Turner Died Feb. 20th 1799 —
[—"aged 39 years."—Dr. Hyde's record.]

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Daniel Church Sen. Died March 9th 1799—
[—"aged 92 years".—See p. 301.]

Timothy Barden's wife died March 10th 1799—
["Burden," in Dr. Hyde's record.]

Mar. 12—Child of Stephen and Lydia Tobey—died day of birth. P. 170.
Lydia Tobey wife to Stephen Tobey Died April 3d AD 1799—
[—"in the 43d year of her age."—See p. 294.]

John Couch Sen's wife Died June—1—1799—
[—"in the 77th year of her age."—Dr. Hyde's record.]

John Couches Child 18 months Died June 8th 1799
A Child of Elijah Peet Died June 29th 1799 —
[—"Aged 8 years 10 M & 5 days".—See p. 303.]

July 14—Thomas, s. of John and Lucy Starnes, æ. 1 y., 9 d. P. 168.
Laurence Vandusen died July 19 1799—
[—"in the 33d year of his age."—See p. 297.]

Nabby Polly Died July 20 1799 —
[—"in the 2nd Year of her age."—See p. 297.]

Aug. 4—Child of Alvan and Sally Foot—died day of birth. P. 155.
Thomas Northrup Died Aug. 8 1799—["aged 72 years."— Dr. Hyde.]
Samuel Couch's child died Aug. 19th 1799 —
[—"aged 15 months."—Dr. Hyde's record.]

Jerusha Polley Died Septr 6th 1799 A 1 Year 9 m

Oct. 5—Betsey, d. of John and Lucy Starnes, æ. 9 y., 4 m. P. 168.

Dec. 21—Child of Andrew and Betsey Howk, æ. 1 d. P. 160.

1800.

Widow Elizabeth West Died March 17th 1800 —
[—"aged 88 years."—Dr. Hyde's record.]

Electa Wilcox Died May 17th 1800 of the following disorders (viz) Inflamation in the bowels, Spasm in the Stomach and Cramp Cholic.

Aug. 10—Joseph, s. of Nathaniel and Bethiah Bassett, æ. 1 y., 3 d. P. 147.
Josiah Hatch's wife Died Novr 9th 1800 —
[—"aged 83 years."—Dr. Hyde's record.]

The dates of the two following are uncertain:

Barnabas Finney died June 30—178 [Last figure omitted.] P. 155.

July 3—Nathan, s. of Aaron and Marah Benedict, 179 [Last figure omitted.] P. 147.

Note:— The foregoing contains all the Town Clerks' Records prior to 1801.

A tattered copy of the Charter, incorrect in the order for calling the first Town Meeting, is the only document of the town which has been preserved of those years. A few papers of the Hopland School District, dated before 1801 are given in connection with the Hopland Records.

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Treasurers' Accounts.

The following twenty pages give, page for page, all the extant Treasurers' Records of the town prior to May 1, 1801. These accounts were kept by Nathan Dillingham, Treasurer from March 4, 1793 to March 3, 1800, and Nathan! Bassett, Treasurer in 1800 and 1801. The first entries appear to have been made in the book from which the accounts are taken, in 1755. It is probable the first four accounts were commenced at the same time, the first three being accounts with Collectors who had not then settled with the town, and whose unsettled balances were transferred from a previous book. A debit and corresponding credit page together constitute a single ledger page, and are so numbered. As there is no way to determine when the last order was entered in 1800, it has been thought proper to give all entries to May 1, 1801, the time of settlement with the Auditing Committee.

On several of the pages, later accounts were entered, but at the close of the century, the pages contained only those here given.

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(1)

† Samuel Porter Collector Dr

		£.	S.	D.
1798	To Ballance of his Account in Book No 1, page 15. —	52—	6—	3
March 19	To Payment in f*** by N. Dillingham —	—	10—	8
		£ 52—	16—	11

See page 8 for Tax 1799.

† Corner of original, with date missing.—Porter was elected Constable March 4, 1793. —See page 72.

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				£.	S.	D.
1795.						
May 6.	By Order on him in favr David Porter	— X		—	19	—0
ibid	By Do —— —— R. Pixley			—	10	—0
	By Order in favr Daniel Willcox March 19th 1794—omitted before	X		1	—13	—0
Decr 10th	By Town Clerk's Certificate in favour Backus & Bassett—return,d	X		—	10	—0
Decr 10th	By Select Men's Rect to Saml Porter		——	1	—13	—9
25	By an Order favor Capt Garfield from Select Men — — — —	X	—	—	13	6
1797 Feb. 10th	By an Old Order given to William Watson Octr 1789—on which Saml Porter Paid	X	—	3	—10	—0
				9	—9	—3
ibid	By Select Men's Order Dated Jany 14th 1796	X		—	14	—4½
ibid	By Do — Do — Dated Jany. 18, 1796	X		—	14	—0
ibid	By his Acct of Payments to 23 Men for repairing the Bridge near the Forge —— ——	X		29	—2	—1
Feb. 15.	By Select Men's Order for Dolrs C. 12— 50	X		3	—15	—0
				£ 43	—14	—8½
1798 March 19	By Select Men's Order for Dolrs Cents 30, 37	——	——	9	—2	—3
				£ 52	—16	—11½

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(2)

† Jedediah Crocker Collector Dr

To Ballance of his Account in Book No 2, p. 14 — 9—14—7

1797.— Ephraim Williams Collector Dr

		Dols C. M.
	Town Tax committed to him, agreeable to Select Men's Return, dated 13th Sepr 1797	321, 60, 1
	School Tax for 1797–agreeable to Select Men's Return	162, 63, 2
	Fenner Foot's School Tax, Omitted by the Select Men; and brot in since the above	2, 42, 8
1798 Decr 18	To Cash paid him by Capt Yale as he and the Select Men say —— ——	35, 62, 6
		522, 28, 7
	Due Bill given him this Day — — —	8, 96, 3
	Settlement with him & Select Men this Day —	24, 5, 9
	When all Tax Accounts & matters for 1797–were settled, as the Treasurer understood. ———	$ 555, 30, 9

	To Tax committed to him to collect for defraying Town Charges & for Support of Schools, agreeable to Select Men's Return—Sepr 12th 1798.	$ 456, 87, —
1798 Jan. 5th	To Select Men's Return of Tax to Collect —— ———	166, 5, 8
		622, 92, 8
	To Mistake in filing & crediting Order No 2; brot in Augt 24–1798 ——	5, — —
	To the Overlaying of School Tax 1798—which the Select Men Mentioned to the Treasurer after their Return —— —— —— ——	6, 36, —
		634, 28, 8

See a new Statement of this Acct page 7. ———

† Corner of original with date wanting.—Crocker was elected Constable March 7, 1791. "Book No. 2" in first item, a clerical error.

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1795.		Cr
Apl 6	By his taking up an Order in favour of N. Dillingham, from Select Men	9—14—7

1798		Cr D. C. M.
Augt 24.	By Sundry Town Orders — — —	398, 1, 9
"	" School Orders — — — —	157, 29, 0
		$ 555, 30, 9

1799		
March 26	By 41 Select Men's Orders brot in this Day for $ 265, 33, 8 —— is —— ——	$265, 33, 8
June 27.	By 10 Select Men's Orders brot in this Day	192, 12,
1800.		
Feb. 25th	By 3 Do — Do —brot in this Day —	35, 97,
	By wrong Charge of Select Men's Return of Jan. 5, 1798, which was for a Tax made in 1797—and was charged to E. Williams above — —	166, 5, 8
		659, 48, 6

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†	Ebenezer Jenkens Jr Constable or Collector	Dr
	To Ballance of his Account in Book No 1, p. 12 —	4—5—8
1796 Mar. 7.	To Cash — — — — —	0—5—3
		£ 4—10—11

† Corner with date wanting.—Jenkins was elected Constable March 5, 1792.—See p. 66.

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1795	——————o——————		Cr
Apl. 6.	By Select Men's Order in favr of N. Dillingham —— ——	X	2—17—3
1796 Jan. 18.	By an Order from Select Men, in his favour —— —— ——	X	1—13—8
			£4—10—11

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(4)

† Capt Jesse Clark Constable — Dr

To the Assessment to defray town charges for the year 1794 —— ——	£69—12—2½
School Tax for the same year—viz—1794 —	£43—5—10½

	To the Assessment to defray Town Charges for the year 1795 in your hands to collect including Town Tax, School Tax, and Ballance of State Tax ——	143—18—4¾
1797 — Feb. 15.	To Cash on Settlement —— ——	— 4—11½
		£144— 3— 4¼

† Corner with date wanting.—Jesse Clark was elected Constable March 3, 1794, and also March 2, 1795.—See pp. 75, 80.

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1794 † ——————o—————— Cr

Decr 24	By Treasurer's Order on him in favr of A. Benedict School Money	4—10—0.
1795. Feb. 10.	By Treasurer's Order on him in favr Archd (Chadwick	X 4—3—6.
24.	By — Do — Do — — Capt yale —	X 7—2—8.
March —	By — Do — Do — — Silas Clark	X 1—11—0.
11.	By — Do — Do — — Danl West -	X —11—0.
	By his Commissions on the State, County, Town and School Taxes, amounting to £ 218—4—9 at £ 2—17—0 pr Cent	X 6—3—3.
Apl 6.	By Order in favr Jno Nye —— ——	X 3—18—6
	By Sundry Orders brot in, not before credited	30—07—6.
	By indorsement on Rect he had from yale —— —— ——	15—14—10
		£ 69—12—3
June 22d	By 5 School Orders returned which the Treasurer gave out — — —	X 27—9—0
Nov. 13.	Gave an Order on him in favr Peter Willcox	3—0—0‡
1796 Feb. 10	By 1 School Order return'd	X 14—14—9
ibid	By Cash in full for Scholl Tax 1794	X 1—2—1
		£ 43—5—10
1796 May 30th	By Select Men's Orders brot in, to answer on Taxes for 1795 —— ——	X 126—15—2¾
March 7	School Order for North East District	X 12—7—7
Augt 24th	Select Men's Order in favr Jesse Clark	X 3—3—7
Feb. 15th 1797	By Select Men's Order for —— ——	X 1—16—11½
		£ 144—3—4¼

† The 4 written over a 5. The first entries of this account were undoubtedly written in 1795, and the first item dated back to 1794.
‡ This item not included in the footing.

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1796.	Cash			Dr
Feb. 10.	To Cash recd of Jesse Clark	—	—	£ 1 2 1

1798.				
Feb. 20.	To Cash recd of the Select Men	—	—	$171, 0, 0

1799.				
Feb. 27th	To Cash from Select Men now in the Treasury	—	—	$ 23, 50

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1796	——o——	Cr
March.	By Cash paid for recording the Town's Deeds	—6—8
March 7th	By Cash pd Ebr Jenkens Jr in Ballce of his Acct	—5—3
1797 —		
Feb. 15.	By Cash paid Jesse Clark in Ballce of his Acct	—4–11½
		0–16—2½
Sepr 9 —	By Cash paid Archelaus Chadwick in part of an Order he has on the Treasr	5, 10
		£ 1—2—0½

1798.		Dolrs
Feb. 20.	By Cash delivd Josiah Yale Esqr by Select Men's verbal Order —— ——	90, 0, 0
March 5	By paid Archelaus Chadwick, on Select Men's order	1, 70 —
"	" paid N. Dillingham's Acct allow'd by Select Men	7, 59 —
"	By paid Select Men's Order in favr Ebr Squire presented by Calvin Ingersoll —— ——	1, 58, 3
March 27.	By paid Select Mens' Order in favr Ephm Williams presented by Archs Chadwick —— ——	35, 62, 6
Apl 2d	Pd Jos Bradley 4 Dolrs & Saml Chadwick 3 Dollars	7, 0, 0
25.	Paid Capt J. Nye —— —— ——	1, 25
	Paid Select Men —— —— ——	26, 20
		170, 94, 9
	Change in the Treasury —— —— ——	5, 1
		$ 171, 0, 0

1799		
Apl 10th	By Cash paid Capt Joseph Whiton by Select Men's Order three Dollars ——	3,
May 6th	By Cash paid Jared Bradley & Others Committee—as pr Acct allowd by the Town ——	7, 50
June 21st	By Cash Paid Seth Nye pr Select Mens Ordr —— —— ——	11, 50
Sep. 4th	Paid James Austin pr Do Do ——	1, 50
		$ 23, 50

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1796	Calvin Ingersoll Constable	Dr
Novr 4th	To Select Men's Return of Taxes	D C M
	For Town Charges ——— ———	271, 43, 6
	School Money —— —— —— ——	148, 38, 2
		$ 419, 81, 8

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1796	——o——	Cr
Decr 26	By Sundry Orders given by the Select Men—return'd	Dolls C. 106–36
ibid	By Do 2* D 3 and * * *	30—3
1797	——	135–39
Mar. 14	By Sundry Orders given by the Select Men—return'd	159, 97, 1
		296, 36, 1
1798		
Feb. 20.	By Sundry Orders given by the Select Men — brot in —	123, 49, 8
	By Cash —— —— —— ——	4, 9
		$ 419, 81, 8

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Ephraim Williams Constable

		Dr
‡	& School Taxes committed to him to lect, agreeable to Select Men's Return Sepr 12, 1798.	456, 87
	Mistake in filing & crediting Order No 2 t in Augt 24, 1798 — —	5, —
		461, 87
	Treasurer's Certificate — —	31, 55
		†† £ 493, 42

† See page 184.
‡ Portion of the margin and some of the text wanting.
†† £ Should be $.

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1799.			
Mar. 26.	By 41 Select Men's Orders		
June 27.	By 10	Do —— Do ——	†
1800			
Feb. 25.	By 3	Do —— Do ——	
			$

† Corner wanting. For the missing figures, see p 185.

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† Samuel Porter Constable Dr

To Tax Bills committed to him to collect agreeable to Select Men's return of this Date	$ 480,46

† To Tax Bills committed to him to Collect agreeable to Select Mens return of this date

00

to a Tax to defray Town Charges	441.33
to a Tax for the Seport of Schools	152,03
	$ 593.36

[Only the heading and first debit item of this account were written by Dillingham. The rest is in Nathaniel Bassett's hand.]

† Part of margin, and date missing.—Porter was elected Constable March 4, 1799, also March 3 1800.—See pp. 97, 105.

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	By Orders & Acounts for which I give a	†

April 6 1801	By Orders & Acounts for which I gave a Reciet	449,32
May 4	By Orders from Selectmen for which I gave Reciet	090,31
January 12 1802	By Orders from Selectmen for which I gave reciet	053,73
		$ 593,36

† Corner wanting.

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† wn of Lee Dr to town orders & accounts

		Town alowed Dollars	Cents
	er in favour of David Ingersoll	006	—
	der in favour of Hope Davis	005	10
3	order in favour of John Couch	005	—
4	order in favour of Enock Garfield	022	35
No 5	order in favour of Calvin Ingersoll	018	39
No 6	order in favour of Calvin Ingersoll	003	86
No 7	order in favour of Calvin Ingersoll	001	45
No 8	order in favour of Cpt Porter & Cpt Whiton	093	80
No 9	order in favour of John Ball	000	83
No 10	order in favour of Heman Hinkley	001	66
No 11	order in favour of John Nye	001	06
No 12	order in favour of Joshua West	004	90
No 13	order in favour of Elisha Grant	006	—
No 14	Major Nyes account allowed By the Town	013	50
No 15	order in favour of John Stearns	003	—
No 16	order in favour of Abijah Crosbey	004	— M
No 17	Nathaniel Thares account alowed By Town	—	83-3
No 18	order in favour of Erastus Sergeant Jr	001	41
No 19	order in favour of Samuel Chadwick	011	—
No 20	order in favour of Daniel Willcox	006	26
No 21	order in favour of Jenkins & Foot	014	55
No 22	Cpt Joseph Whitons Acount Alowed By Town	018	44
No 23	Dotr T[h]aeres Acount allowed for doctoring T North,p ‡	020	—
No 24	order in favour of Stephen Dexter	002	50
No 25	order in favour of Elijah West & J Austin school C	038	77
No 26	order in favour of Jeams Austin	007	—
No 27	order in favour of Seth Barden	005	—
No 28	order in favour of Elisha Grant	020	—
No 29	order in favour of Nathaniel Bassett	004	—
No 30	order in favour of Jeams Penoyr school Mon	037	32
No 31	order in favour of Jeams Gifford	001	50
No 32	John Keeps Acount alowed By the Town	011	—
No 33	order in favour of Jeams Penoyr	001	50
No 34	order in favour of N. Dillingham & Dr Thare School C	032	95
No 35	order in favour of Stephen Bradley	004	—
No 36	Jared Bradleys Acount alowed By the Town	006	76
No 37	Josiah Yales Acount alowed By the Town	026	30
No 38	Josiah Yales Acount alowed By the Town	013	50
No 39	order in favour of David Baker	022	35
		497	84

† Corner missing.
‡ See pp. 100, 107, 180.

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Town of Lee Credet By Selectmens return

		Dollars	Cents
	of a Tax Bil Comited to Samuel Porter to Collect for the year 1799 the sum of — — —	480	46
	Recieved in Cash of the Selectmen — — —	55	—
	Recieved of Esqr Jenkins for Seth Handeys fine for a Breach of Sabbath — — —	002	—
		537	46

		Dollars	Cents
T Lee Dr	By order in favour of J & Foot — —	019	—
	By order in favour of Samuel Porter — — —	010	52
	By order in favour of Josiah Yale — — — —	015	45
	By order in favour of John Nye — — — —	004	—
	By Account Esqr Jenkins Col Bradley * Bassett †	002	—
	By Dr John Rathburns Acount — — — —	003	—
		354	97

† Auditing Committee.—See page 97.

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Town of Lee Dr to Orders & Accounts

		Dollars	Cents
No 40	to order in favour of Samuel Chadwick — — —	006	—
No 41	to order in favour of Livi Chase — — — —	012	—
No 42	to order in favour of Elisha Grant — — —	026	—
No 43	to order in favour of Erastus Sergeant — — —	004	87
No 44	to order in favour of Ephram Williams — —	002	58
No 45	to order in favour of Samuel Porter — — —	062	13
No 46	to order in favour of Isaac Davis — — —	022	87
No 47	to order in favour of Natn Ball, School agent — —	047	70
No 48	to order in favour of Nathl Bassett — — —	009	—
No 49	to order in favour of Peter Willcox — — — —	051	09
No 50	to order in favour of Nathn Dillingham — — —	001	
No 51	to order in favour of Dauiel Willcox — — —	037	—
No 52	to order in favour of Dauiel Willcox — — —	006	72
No 53	to order in favour of David Hamlin — — — —	002	06
No 54	to order in favour of Josiah Yale — — — —	029	—
No 55	to order in favour of C Bassett School agent — —	038	—
No 56	to order in favour of Nathan Dillingham — —	019	66
No 57	to order in favour of Nathan Bassett — — —	006	76
No 58	to order in favour of Eli Bradley — — — —	003	25
No 59	to order in favour of Col Bradley School agent — —	046	25
		434	94

[The footing should be 433,94 A 4 seems to have been made over the second 3, although it is uncertain which figure was made last. The Auditing Committee must have considered the footing $434.94 or the balance would have been $144.07.]

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Town of Lee Credet By Selectmens returns

	Dollars	Cents
of Tax bils Commited to Samuel Porter to Collect		
for the year 1800 Tax to defray ton Charges	441	33
a Tax for the Seport of Schools —— ——	152	03
	593	36

We the Subscribers Being a Committee
to Settle with Nath[l] Bassett Town Treasurer
have attended that Serves, & find his acounts
Right Cast and well avought, and find there is
Due from him to the town one hundred and
forty three Dollars & Seven Cents.
Lee May 1st Day 1801

Josiah Yale)
John Nye } Commite
Nathan Bassett)

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Hopland School District.

NOTE:—This district was incorporated to more effectually manage the school lands reserved for the inhabitants of the Hoplands, and the fund arising from the sale of those lands.

"1749, July 18, the Hoplands were laid out and the meadows divided, one right being set apart for schools. 1750, April 12, there was another division, and as before, land was set apart for school purposes. 1771, Feb. 1, the school lands in this particular district were set apart for the benefit of people residing in the district. There were six different allotments of land, ranging from ten to forty acres at a time. The school rights reserved amounted in all to about 170 acres." (Centennial Hist. of Lee, p. 125.)

The district was abolished April 5, 1889. Besides the acts of incorporation and abolishment, there were three others passed by the legislature regarding it:—one March 11, 1797, forbidding town assessments on Hopland property for school purposes; one June 19, 1798, giving authority to the district to levy taxes, should its fund prove insufficient, and one Feb. 12, 1830 permitting the district to divide into subdistricts. The first three acts are here given.

For the action of the town regarding these lands, and the incorporation of the district, see pp. 24, 59.

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING A CERTAIN PART OF THE TOWN OF LEE INTO A SCHOOL DISTRICT, BY THE NAME OF THE HOPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS it appears to this Court, that certain lands lying in that part of the town of LEE, which formerly belonged to the town of GREAT BARRINGTON in the County of BERKSHIRE, were appropriated for the use & support of Schools, which lands by the Act of incorporation of the said Town of LEE are reserved to the said Town of LEE;

And whereas it also appears that the said Town of LEE have since their being incorporated as aforesaid, relinquished their right in said lands (so far as respects the support of Schools in the said town of LEE) to those persons who do now, and who may hereafter reside on the same lands;

And whereas, in order to carry the good design of the appropriation aforesaid into effect, it is found necessary, that the persons residing on the said lands should be incorporated into a School District as aforesaid;

Be it therfore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the authority of the same, that all the inhabitants now living on the aforesaid lands, or that may hereafter live on the same, with all their estates be and they hereby are incorporated into a School District by the name of The Hopland School District, in the Town of Lee as aforesaid—

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the inhabitants of the said Hopland School District be and they hereby are vested with all the privileges, powers and immunities necessary for enabling them to use & improve all the monies that have or may arise in consequence of the aforesaid appropriations, for the support of a School or Schools in the said Hopland School District; but the said inhabit-

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ants are still to be considered as belonging to the said town of Lee, in every respect, saving their being subject to be taxed to the support of Schools in the other parts of said town.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that Ebenezer Jenkins Esqr. be & he hereby is impowered to issue his warrant directed to some one principal inhabitant of the District aforesaid, requiring him to warn a meeting of the inhabitants of the District aforesaid, qualified by law to vote in District affairs, to assemble at some time & place within the said Hopland School District, to be mentioned in the same warrant, for the purpose of chusing such Officers as may be necessary for transacting the affairs of the District aforesaid, so far as respects Schools only, according to the power and authority given by this Act; and the said inhabitants qualified as aforesaid, being so assembled, shall be & they hereby are impowered to chuse such officers as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid.

Provided always that the inhabitants of the aforesaid Hopland School District, shall keep maintain and support within the said District, their proportionable part of all Schools by law hereafter required to be kept, maintained and supported within the aforesaid Town of Lee.

March 7, 1791.

AN ACT, IN EXPLANATION OF & IN ADDITION TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING A CERTAIN PART OF THE TOWN OF LEE INTO A SCHOOL DISTRICT, BY THE NAME OF THE HOPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT."

WHEREAS doubts and difficulties have arisen upon the construction and operation of the said Act:

SECT. 1. Be it Enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same That the said Hopland School District shall be understood and construed to include all the Land situated in that part of the Town of Lee which formerly belonged to the Town of Great Barrington, together with all the inhabitants & residents thereon, but not to include any Land or real estate situate without the said Limits, though owned by a Resident or Residents within said District.

SECT. 2. Be it further Enacted, that the Assessors of said District for the time being, or the Treasurer or the Clerks of said District, when there are no such Assessors, be and they hereby are respectively authorized & required to call District meetings for the purposes mentioned or intended in this and the former Act, in the same manner and under the same regulations & penalties as Selectmen of Towns by Law are.

SECT. 3. And be it further Enacted, that the polls & estates belonging to the said District are & shall be exempted from being subject to be taxed by the said Town of Lee, to the maintenance and support of Schools, and from being liable to be prosecuted and punished, or subject to the payment of any fines or costs with the rest of said Town, for any neglect

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of said Town in maintaining and supporting Schools.

SECT. 4. Provided always, & be it further Enacted, that the said District shall be liable to be prosecuted and punished as a District, for neglecting to maintain and support their proportionable part of all schools by Law required to be kept, maintained or supported by or within said Town, in the same manner as a Town is by Law liable to be prosecuted and punished for neglect of Schools.

Approved March 11, 1797.

AN ACT IN FURTHER EXPLANATION OF AND ADDITION TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING A CERTAIN PART OF THE TOWN OF LEE INTO A SCHOOL DISTRICT BY THE NAME OF THE HOPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT."

SECT. 1. Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, That whenever the Rents and Incomes of the School Lands and other property belonging to the said District shall be insufficient for the purpose, the said District may, at any District Meeting, regularly called and warned therefor, from time to time, grant such School Taxes as may be necessary and sufficient, together with such Rents & Incomes to build & repair a suitable School-House or School-Houses for said District, and to provide and support a suitable School or Schools within and for said District; which Taxes shall be assessed by the Assessors of said District or by the Assessors of said Town of Lee for the time being, upon application of said District, upon the Polls and Estates belonging to said District, and shall be collected by the Collectors of the said District, or by the Collectors of said Town of Lee, for the time being, upon application of said District, in the same manner and under the same regulations and penalties, as Town-School Taxes by Law are assessed and collected.

SECT. 2. Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said District shall be understood and construed to be capable of suing and being sued, and of appearing in Court to prosecute or defend, and of possessing, improving and leasing from time to time, the School-Lands belonging to said District by a Committee or Agents thereto duly appointed, at any Meeting regularly called and warned therefor.

SECT. 3. Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said District shall have power to exchange any parts or parcels of the School-Lands belonging to said District for other Lands lying within said District, to be holden in the same manner and to the same uses as the lands so exchanged.

SECT. 4. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said District shall be capable of taking any Estate Real or Personal to the amount of Five thousand Dollars, which may hereafter voluntarily be bequeathed, granted or given to said District, for the use and support of a School or Schools and of holding the same for the use of Schools within said District.

Approved June 19, 1798.

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HOPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT; RECORDS.

Began, April 12th—1791.——

At a Legal School Meeting of the Hopland School District in Lee, on Tuesday the 12th Day of April 1791, at the school house in sd District Ebener Jenkins Esqr Moderator.

1t Choose Joseph Whiton Clerk T

2nd Chose Capt Enoch GarfieldT Capt David PorterT & Lieut Levi Nye as Committee to take care of the Public School Land

3rd Voted that Sd Committee shall act as Assessors

4th Chose Archelus Chadwick Treasurer T

5 Chose Edmund Hinckley Collector

6 Voted that the Committee Determine what part of the Public money shall go to the Propriators living on the East side of the River.

7 Voted that those Propriators who live on the East side of the River down said River to the south Line of Lot No 14 be set off by themselves which said Line and the River is the boundary Line

8 Chose Job Hamlin Collector for the East side of the River.

9 Voted that All those persons holding public school lands in the Hopland School District shall hold their Lands according to the Tenure of their Leases.

10 Voted that all future Meetings be Warned by setting up three Notifications, one at Winegar's Mill, one at the school house, and one at the Grist Mill Near the Forge in sd District. said Notifications to stand Two Public Days.

Desolvd the Meeting ——

Those officers with this mark T set over or after their Names are sworn.

Lee May the 30th—1791.—

At a Legal School Meeting of the Hopland School District in Lee at the Senter School house in said District, Wm Ingersoll Esqr Moderator

Voted to Continue the School. ——

Voted to finish the School house. ——

Voted to Complete the School house by Vendue To the Lowest Bidder John Keep bid it Down to Eight pounds ten shillings and was the Lowest Bidder.

Voted to raise the Sum of Fifty five pounds L Mo for the Building and Completing the school house.

Chose a Committee Consisting of Archelus Chadwick Esqr Ingersoll and John Hulet to Inspect the work Mr Keep does on the school house to

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see if it is workmanlike. ———

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the first Monday in July next then to Meet at this place. 4 O'Clock P. M.

Monday 4th July 1791.——

Meeting opened according to adjournment

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the Second Monday in August next then to Meet at this place

Second Monday in August 1791

Meeting opened according to adjournment

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the first Monday in Septr at 3 O'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place.

Monday 5 Septr 1791.———

Meeting opened according to adjournment

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to Monday the 19th Day of Septr Instant at 3 O'Clock afternoon then to Meet at this place. ———

Monday 19th Septr 1791.

Meeting opened According to Adjournment

Voted to Adjourn the Meeting to Tuesday the 27th Day of Instant Septr at 3 O'Clock afternoon then to meet at this place.

Tuesday 27th Septr 1791

Meeting opened according to Adjournment.

1t Voted that the Assessors proceed to Assess the Money Voted to be raised.

2nd Desolvd the Meeting. ——

———

At a Legal School meeting of the Hopland School District in Lee, at the Senter school house in said District, on Monday the Thirty first Day of October 1791.

Capt John Starns Moderator.

Voted to Excuse Edmund Hinckley from serving as Collector

Voted to Vendue the Collection of the Money assessd to the Lowest Bidder Capt John Starns bid it Down to seven pence on the pound and was the Lowest Bidder

Chose Capt Starns Collector T

Voted that each Scholar that attends School shall furnish half a Cord of wood for the School house, or the Parent or Master of Such Scholar shall be assessd and pay three shillings to pay for the Getting said wood ——

Desolvd the Meeting. ——

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At a legal School Meeting of the Hopland School District in Lee, at the Red School house in said District on Monday the 25th Day of June 1792.—
William Ingersoll Esqr Moderator.

1t Choose Capt Enoch Garfield Capt David Porter and Lieut Levi Nye a Committee to take care of the School Lands. ————

2nd Choose Joseph Whiton Clerk. T ————

3rd Voted that said Committee shall act as Assessors. ———

4. Voted to Continue the School. ————

5. Choose David Ingersoll Collector and Archelus Chadwick Treasr ——
Desolvd the Meeting ———

———

[L. S.] BERKSHIRE SS †

To Joseph Whiton Clerk of the Hopland School-District in Lee Greeting——

In the name of the Commonwealth [of] Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee, to Meet at the red School house in said District on Monday the seventeenth Day of Decer Instant at 5 O'Clock P. M. To act on the following Articles (viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting. ———

2nd To see what method the District will come into to supply the School with wood the present Winter. ————

3ly To transact any other Business that may be thought necessary ——

Fail not of this Warrant but make return with your Doings thereon at or before said Day. Given under our hands and Seal this sixth Day of December in the year of our Lord 1792 ———

Enoch Garfield } School
David Porter } Committee

In pursuance of the within Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned Joseph Whiton Clerk
Decr 10th 1792.

At a Legal School Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee at the red School-house, in said District on Monday the seventeenth Day of December 1792. ————

Capt Abijah Merrill Moderator. ————

1st Voted, that for each Scholar who attends School the Parent or Master of such Scholar shall provide half a Cord of wood Cut up suitable for the fire ————

† The warrants for the early Hopland meetings were not recorded. This, and the others given in this volume have been preserved among the MSS. of the district. Those for the preceding meetings have not been found.

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nd Voted that said wood shall be Delivered at the school house by the first Day of Feby next ——————

Voted that the Committee be Directed to give John Keep an order of one pound sixteen shilling on the Treasr for service Done in Completing the School house ——————

Desolvd the Meeting ———

———

[L. S.] BERKSHIRE SS

To Joseph Whiton Clerk of the Hopland School-District in Lee Greeting.——

In the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee to Meet at At red School-House in Said District on Monday The fourth Day of February next at 5 O'Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles (viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting ————

2th To Se if the Destrick will Give any Derections To the Commitee Re-
† spicting the Sail of the publick School Land ——— ———

3 To transact any Other business That may be thout proper

hear of fail not but make return of this Warrant to serve us att or be fore Said Day Givin under Our hands and Seal this 25 Day of January 1793

Enoch Garfield } School
David Porter } Comite

In pursuance of the with in Warrant I have notified The Inhabitants of the Hopland School District to meet at the Time and place and for the purposes within mentioned ——————

Lee Febry 1st 1793. Joseph Whiton Clerk

At a Legal School Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee, at the red School house in said District on Monday the fourth Day of Febry ,1793. ——————

Mr Archelus Chadwick Moderator. ————

1st Voted that the Committee be Directed to give Aaron Wormer a Lease of the School Lot he has in his Possession. ———

Desolvd the Meeting ———

———

[The warrant for this meeting not found.]

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee on Monday the fifteenth Day of April 1793.

Capt John Starns Moderator. ————

1st Voted that the Committee Procure a School Master to Teach School one year. ——————

† To the second article, written by the Clerk, Joseph Whiton. The second and third articles were written by Enoch Garfield.

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2nd Voted that the Committee pay Joseph Whiton What is Due him, from a former Subscription Committee, for what was Due them; from Eleazar West for his Children's Schooling one Summer.

3rd Voted to raise the Sum of eighteen pounds for the Support of School the year ensuing ———

4 Voted to add an addition of one to the present Committee

5 Chose Joseph Whiton Committee man.

6 Voted to remit Freeman Moshier's and Edward Willcox's taxes in Capt Starn's Bill. ———

7 Voted that Enoch Garfield get the opinion of an Attorney whither a District Collector has Lawful authority to Collect any Tax Committed to him

Desolvd the Meeting

———

[L. S.] BERKSHIRE SS

To Joseph Whiton Clerk of the Hopland School District in Lee Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Inhabitants of said District to meet at the red School house in said District on Tuesday the seventh Day of May next at 4 O'Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles (viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2 To see if the District will reconsider the Doings of the last School meeting

3rd To transact any Business that may be thought necessary respecting Schooling affairs the insuing Summer. ———

Fail not of this Warrant but make return with your doings thereon to one of us at or before said Day

Given under our hands and seal this 27th Day of April 1793.

Enoch Garfield } School
David Porter } Committee

In obeciance to this with in Warant I have warned The inhabiants of the Hopland School Destrick to Meet at time and pleace as the with in Warant Derects Attest Joseph Whiton Clerk

Lee May 4th 1793.

[This return, although signed by the clerk, was written by Enoch Garfield. The following memorandum, in an unknown hand, is also on the back of the warrant:]

First Voted that the Committee be directed to take back the forme[r] bill in Cap Stairns hands to Collect and to make an other according to Law.———

Voted that Capt Stearns be a Collector for the Same

At a Legal School Meeting of the Hopland School District in Lee on Tuesday the seventh Day of May (at the Red School house in said District), 1793. ———

Enoch Garfield Moderator. ———

Voted To reconsider The first and Third Votes passed at the Last School Meeting. ———

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By the first of which Votes the Committee were Directed to procure a Teacher for one year.

By the second The sum of Eighteen pounds was Voted to be raised for the support of School the year insuing.

[L. S.] BERKSHIRE SS

To Joseph Whiton Clerk of the Hopland School District in Lee. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Inhabitants of said District qualified to act in District meetings to meet at the Red School house in said [Lee] on Friday 18 day of Octr Instant at 4 O'Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles (viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2nd To Choose District Officers.
3rd To see if the District will continue the School
4 To see if the District will raise money to snpport Schooling.
5 To Transact any other Business that may be thought necessary ——

Fail not of this Warrant Bnt make return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon to one of us at or Before said day ———

Lee Octr 5 1793 Ench Garfield } School
David Porter } Committee

In pursuance of the with in Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of with in mentioned District to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned Joseph Whiton Clerk.

[The following mem., by Enoch Garfield, is also on the back of the warrant:]

Met according to ajornment and Voted that the School Comitys be Directted to potisian the Select men of Said Town to Call a town Meeting for the purpose of raising Money for the purpose of Schooling ——
Voted to Excuse Capt Poter from Sering as a Comity
Voted that David Ingersooll be a School Comity

At a Legal School meeting of the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee on Friday the 18th day of Octr 1793. at the red School house in said District.

Enoch Garfield Moderator ——— ———

Voted to adjourn the meeting to friday the 25th of this Instant.———

Met according to ajornment

Voted Lieut Joseph Whiton was Chosen Clark for the year insuing——

Enoch Garfield David Porter & Edmond Hinkley & Livi Nye was Chosen Committe Archelus Chadwick was Chosen Treasurrer David Ingersoll Chosen Collecter Voted to Excuse Capt Enoch Garfield from Being one of the aforesaid Commite and Chose Mr Archelus Chadwick to Serve in his Room —— ——

Voted to Continue the School ——— ——

Voted that the Commite be Directed to Employ Mr Samuel Allen To Teach a School in this District for the Term of Six months from the time

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he the Said Began to Teach School in this District ———

Voted to Excuse Mr archelus Chadwick from Serving as one of the aforesaid Commite — and Choose Mr John freese to Serve in his Sted

Voted to adjorn this Meeting to friday the 1t Day of Novr next

Friday Novr 1st Met according to Adjournment

1st Voted that the School Committee be Directed to petition the Selectmen of the Town of Lee to Call a Town meeting for the purpose of raising money for the purpose of Schooling. ———

2nd Voted to Excuse Capt Porter from Serving as Committee-man.——

3rd Chose David Ingersoll Committee man.

Desolved the Meeting.

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[L. S.] BERKSHIRE SS

To Joseph Whiton Clerk of the Hopland School District in Lee Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusett you are hereby required to warn the Inhabitants of the said District to meet at the red School house in said District on Tuesday the fourth Day of March next at 5 O'Clock P. M: to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting

2nd To see if the District will continue the School

3rd To see if the District will give the Committee any Instructions who to apply to for a Teacher.

4th To Transact any other Business that may be thought necessary. ——

Fail not of this Warrant but make return hereof with your Doings thereon to one of us at or before said day ———

Given under our hands and seal this 22nd Day of Febry, 1794.

† Edmund Hinckley } Committee
David Ingersoll }

In pursuance of the Within Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the within mentioned District to meet at the Time and place and for the purposes with in mentioned. Joseph Whiton Clerk

At a Legal School meeting of the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee, on Tuesday the fourth day of March, at the red School house in said District 1794.

Capt John Starnes Moderator. ———

Voted, to Continue the School. ———

Voted That the Committee be directed to apply to a School Master to Teach School for the Term of six Months from the first of May next as near as Consistantly may be.

Desolved the Meeting.———

† These names were written by the Clerk. Mr. Hinckley spelled his christian name, Edmond.

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[L. S.] BERKSHIRE SS.

To Joseph Whiton Clerk of the Hopland School District in Lee Greeting. ———

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn the Inhabitants of said District to meet at the red School-house in said District on Monday the Thirtieth Day of June Instant at 4 O'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2nd To see if the District will Divide the District into Two Schools.———

3rd To Transact any other Business that may be thought necessary ——

Fail not of this Warrant but make return with your Doings thereon to one of us at or before said Day. Given under our hands and seal This Thirteenth Day of June—1794

Edmond Hinckley } Committee
David Ingersoll }

In pursuance of the within warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District to meet at the Time and place and for the purposes within mentioned Joseph Whiton Clerk

At a Legal School-Meeting of the Hopland School District in Lee on Monday the Thirtieth day of June at the red School house in said District 1794. ———————

Capt Abijah Merrill Moderator. —— —— ——

Voted to Divide the District into Two Schools. — — —

Voted That the District be Divided as follows (Viz) The River shall be the Line from Mr Pixleys Down said River to the Bridge near the Forge from thence up the Road north to the Road Leading from Esqr Ingersoll's to Stockbridge thence on sd Road to Stockbridge Line including the Inhabitants on said Road and all south of Said Road and the River as above Described is to be one District.

Desolved the Meeting.

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[L. S.] BERKSHIRE SS

To Joseph Whiton Clerk of the Hopland School District in [Lee] Greetin[g.] ———

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Commanded to warn the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee to meet at the Red School house in said District on Monday the fifteenth———Day of Decr Current at 4 O'Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd To see if the District will Do any thing respecting a Division of the School house, and likewise of the Public Money Belonging to the District

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3ly To see whether District will Give the Committee any instructions as to Employing the present Teacher any longer ———

4th To Transact any other Business that may be thought Necessary—— fail not of this Warrant but make return with your doings thereon to one of us at or before said day———

Given under our hands and Seal this 4 Day of December 1794.

David Ingersoll } Committee
John Freese }

In pursuance of the within Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District to meet at the Time and place and for the purposes within mentioned ———

Lee Decr 15th 1794 Joseph Whiton Clerk

At a Legal School Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee at the Red School house in sd District on Monday the fifteenth day of Decr 1794.

Capt Abijah Merrill Moderator. ———

Voted Not to Divide the School house

Voted Not to Divide the Public Money. ————

Voted the Committee Apply to a Teacher to Continue the School ———

Voted to Reconsider the Vote passed at a former meeting Respecting the Division of the District

Voted That the Committee be Directed to warn a Meeting as soon as may be ———

Desolvd the Meeting ———

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[L. S.] BERKSHIRE SS

To Joseph Whiton Clerk of the Hopland School District in Lee Greeting. ———

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Commanded to warn the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee (qualified By Law to Vote in District affairs) to meet at the red School house in said District on Monday the fifth Day of January next at 4 O'Clock P. M. To act on the following Articles (viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2nd To see if the District will Choose an Additional Committee-man in the Northeast part of the District. ———

3ly To see if the District will do any thing respecting a Division of the District or setting up Schools in various parts of the District

4ly If the District shoud not vote to have schools in various parts of the District nor in any way Divide the District To see if the District will Build an Addition to the present School house suitable for the Accommodation of Two Schools the whole or part of the Time as the District shall think proper

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5th To Transact any other Business that may be thought necessary ——

Fail not of this Warrant But make return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon to one of us at or Before said Day

Given under our hands and Seal this Twenty fifth Day of Decr 1794.

Edmond Hinckley } Committee
David Ingersoll }

In pursuance of the within Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee to meet at the Time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Lee, Jany 5th 1795. Joseph Whiton Clerk

At a legal School Meeting of the Hopland School District in Lee on Monday the 5th day of Jany, 1795 at the red School house in said District.

Capt Abijah Merrill Moderator. ————

Choose Jedediah Crocker Committeeman in Addition to the present Committee. ————

Voted to Build an Addition to the present School house so as to accommodate Two Schools with the present house

Voted that the Committee be Directed to procure a Chair for the School reconsidered the Last Vote ————

Desolved the Meeting

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[L. S.] BERKSHIRE SS —

To Joseph Whiton Clerk of the Hopland School-District in Lee Greeting

In the Name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn the Inhabitants of the said District to Meet at the red School house in sd District on Monday the 4th Day of Jany next at 5 O'Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1 To Choose a Moderator for sd Meeting
2 To See what method the District will come into to provide wood for the School the present winter
3 To see what the District will Do about boarding the present Teacher.—
4 To Transact any other Business that may be thought Necessary — —

Fail not of this warrant But make return with your Doings to one of us By said Day Given under Our hands and Seal this 25th Day of Decemr 1795

John Freese } Committee
Edmond Hinckley }

In Pursuance of the with in Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District to meet at the Time & place & for the purposes within mentioned.

Lee Jany, 2nd 1796 Joseph Whiton Clerk

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At a Legal School Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee on Monday the 4th Day of Jan.y, 1796 at the red School house in sd District.

Capt David Porter Moderator ——— ———

Voted that all Scholars who attend the School shall be turned out provided the Parents or Masters Do not provide Their Quota of wood By the 20th Day of Jany Current, untill the wood is provided. — — —

Voted That for each Schollar who attends School there shall Be one Quarter of a Cord of Good wood provided and Cut ready for the fire ——

Voted that Enoch Garfield, Capt Starnes and Edmond Hinckley be a Committee to turn those Scholars out of School who shall not have wood provided for them as above mentioned. ————

Desolvd the Meeting

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[L. S.] BERKSHIRE SS

To Joseph Whiton Clerk of the Hopland School District in Lee Greeting —— —— ———

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Inhabitants of Said District to meet at the red School house in said District on Monday the Fifteenth Day of Feb.ry Current at 5 O'Clock P. M. To act on the following articles (Viz)———

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting. ———

2nd To see if the District will reconsider a former Vote respecting Building an addition to our present school house and if sd Vote shoud Be reconsidered see what the District will do about a Division of the District and Building school house or houses for the accommodating the Schools, But if sd Vote shoud not be reconsidered To see what method the District will come into to make the Addition so Voted.—

3rd To Transact any other Business that may be thought Necessary ——

Fail not of this Warrant but make return with your Doings there on to one of us on sd Day. Given under our hands and seal this sixth Day of Febry 1796

Edmond Hinckley }
David Ingersoll } Committee

In pursuance of the with in Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District to meet at the Time and place and for the purposes within mentioned ——

Lee Febry, 13th 1796 Joseph Whiton Clerk

At a Legal School meeting of the Hopland School District in Lee at the Red School house in said District on Monday the fifteenth Day of February 1796. at 5 O'Clock in the afternoon

Capt Enoch Garfield Moderator. ———

Voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday the 22nd Day of this Instant at 5 O'Clock P. M.

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Monday 22nd Febry.

Meeting opened according to Adjournment. — — —

Voted to reconsider a former Vote respecting Building an Addition to our present School house —— ——

Voted to Divide the District into Three Schools —— —— ——

Voted to Divide the District as follows (viz)

That the River Be the Boundary Line Beginning at where Hopbrook Enters into it so Down the River to the Bridge near the Forge thence up the street so as to Include Mr Squier thence the Line is to Run Due North to the Road Leading from our present school house to Stockbridge thence on sd Road to Stockbridge including the Inhabitants on sd Road, and from the mouth of Hopbrook up sd Brook to Tyringham Line all south of said Lines is to Constitute one School — — — — —

And the remaining part of the District Be Divided as follows (viz) That the Road Leading By Mr Edmund Hinckleys Be the Division as far as our present school house and from thence a Due south Line to the River all East of the above Described Line is to be one school and all West is to Be the other —— ——

Desolvd the Meeting

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[MS., not recorded.]

A Memorandum of the proceedings of the Inhabitants of the South School in the Hopland School District in Lee on the 29th Day of March 1796 sd meeting being at Mr John Couches ———

1st Choose Capt Merrill Moderator

2nd Chose J. Whiton Clerk for the meeting

3th Voted to Build a School house within Twelve Rods from Bridge over J. Couches Mill Brook and Where in sd Limits Three Men to be appoi[n]ted shall say —— —— ——

4th Choose Capt Starnes, Isaac Davis, and Capt Merrill,[to] be the Men to say where the house shall Be Built — — — —

5th Voted to Build a School house Twenty six feet By Twenty

6th Voted to Choose a Committee to report to sd meeting what sort of a house it is Best to Build whether a Wood house or a Brick one which Committee are to Assertain as near as may be the Cost of Each

7th Choose Joseph Whiton John Couch and Capt Starnes Committee——

Adjourned the Meeting to Tuesday the fifth Day of Apl next at six O'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place — — —

Tuesday 5th of Apl

Meeting opened according to Adjournment ——

Voted to Build the School house near the Culver house so Called on the East side of sd house the front of the house to stand on the Line of the Road —— —— ——

Voted that Saml Davis may send his Children to this School on Con-

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dition that he pay five Dollars towards Building the house and pay his proportion of Schooling

Voted to Build a School house of Wood and not of Brick ————

Voted that those persons who attend Preaching in this Quarter may make an addition to the house of four feet each way at their own Expense provided they Do not interrupt the School. —— —— ——

Adjourned the meeting to Tuesday the Twe[l]fth Day of Apl Current at 6 O'Clock P M. then to meet at this place

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[L. S.] BERKSHIRE SS

To Joseph Whiton Clerk of the Hopland School District in Lee Greeting. —— ——

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District to meet at the red School house in said District on Monday the Eleventh Day of April Current at 2 O'Clock P. M. to Act on the following articles (Viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd To Choose a Committee to Take care of the School Lands and employ School Teachers —— —— ——

3rd To see if the District will reconsider a Vote passed at the Last meeting respecting a Division of the District and if sd Vote shoud Be reconsidered see what the District will finally Do about School affairs whither they will Build an Addition to our present School house or not.

4 To see whether the District have a mind to be Taxed for the Support of Schooling the present year

5 To see what the District will Do about Schooling the Ensuing summer

6 To Transact any other Business that may be thought necessary ——

Fail not of this warrant But make return to one of us at sd meeting

Given under our hands and seal this second Day of April 1796

Edmond Hinckley)
David Ingersoll } Committee
John Freese)

In pursuance of the within Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District to meet at the Time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Lee Apl 11th 1796 Joseph Whiton Clerk ——

At a Legal School Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee on Monday the Eleventh Day of April at 2 O'Clock P. M. at the red School house in said District 1796. ———

Mr Joseph Wyllys Moderator. ————

Choose Capt David Porter, Mr David Ingersoll, and Mr John Hulet Committee To take care of School Lands and Employ Teachers

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for the year Ensuing. ———

Voted (* In this Vote every person present Voted.) To submit the matter, about Dividing the District; To a Committee of Three: who shall determine what the District shall do; whither they shall Divide, or not: and if sd Committee shall say, it is Best to Divide; they, are to say how many, Schools there * shall be, and where the Dividing Lines shall run.

Choose John Bacon and William Walker Esqrs and Capt Adonijah Bidwell Committe, and in Case either of the above shall fail then Majr Allen is to supply his place

Choose Capt Enoch Garfield and Wm Ingersoll Esqr To Notify the Committee and wait on them round the District to show them the situation of the District. ———

Voted That the Committee be paid for their services out of the public Money

Adjourned the Meeting to Monday the Eighteenth Day of Apl Current at 4 O'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place. ——

Meet according to adjournment

Voted That the money arising from the School Lands in sd District Lye Dorment for one year from the Date in the hands of the Comittee on Interest ———

Voted not to Build an addition to the Red School house

Voted To be Taxed With the othe[r] inhabitants of the Town for the Support of Schools in Sd Town of Lee —

Voted that there be Three school Set up the present Summer by way of the town

Desolved the Meeting

[MS., not recorded.]

We the Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Hopland School District to consider whether it is best that the said district should be divided, & if the said Committee should judge it best that the said district should be divided, in that case, to say how many schools there shall be, & where the dividing lines shall run; have attended that service, & find the said district to be so situated as, in their opinion, not to admit of a division, without being attended with considerable inconveniences. Besides, the Commee are of opinion that nothing short of Legislative power is competent to discribing any dividing lines within the district which might exclude any individual inhabitant from the benefit of any part of the money belonging to the district, this being property that is held in common, and cannot be held or used in severalty. The Commee are, on the whole, unanimously agreed in their opinion, that altho' the district have a right to erect as many schools within the district as they may think fit, Provided that each school be open & free to all the inhabitants of the district; Yet, that it will be most for the advantage of the district at large, as well

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as for the individuals who compose it, to have at present but one school, with one or more Masters, as the number of children to be taught, may require.

John Bacon
William Walker
Adonijah Bidwell

April 15th 1796.

Lee 18th april 1796
Voted to Except the within Report ——
attest
Joseph Wyllys
Moderator —

[L. S.] BERKSHIRE SS

To Joseph Whiton Clerk of the Hopland School District in Lee Greeting. ——— ——— ———

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Inhabitants of said District (qualified to Vote in District affairs) to meet at the red School house in said District on Monday the sixteenth Day of May Current at 2 O'Clock P. M. to Act on the following articles (Viz)

1 To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
2 To see what Instructions the District will Give the Committee respecting the Public Money. ——— ———
3 To see if the District will Call Back and Unite with District (in their former State) those Propriators living on the East side of the River.
4 To see if the District will Build an other School house in the South West part of the District.
5 To Transact any other Business that may be thought necessary. ——

Fail not of this warrant But make return to one of us at or Before said Meeting. Given under our hands and Seal this seventh Day of May 1796

David Ingersoll }
John Hulet } Committee

In pursuance of the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District to meet at the Time and place and for the purposes within mentioned. ———

Lee May 16th 1796 Joseph Whiton Clerk ——

At a Legal School meeting of the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee at the Red School house in said District on Monday the sixteenth Day of May at 2 O'Clock P M. 1796. ———

Capt Enoch Garfield Moderator. ———

Voted that Mr David Ingersoll be allowed a Dollar which he paid an attorney for advice. ———

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Voted that the Committee Be Directed to put what Public money they may have in Possession out on Interest with Good Security till the Eighteenth Day of April next.

Desolved the Meeting

[The warrants for the remaining meetings wanting.]

At a Legal School Meeting of the Hopland School District in Lee on Monday the 24th of Septr 1796 at the red School house in said District

Capt David Porter Moderator. ——————

Voted that the Committee procure a School Master To Teach School the Ensuing Winter. —— —— —— ——

Voted that the Committee (if necessary) hire an assistant to the Master.

Voted to Petition the Genl Court for a New Act of incorporation. ——

Choose Deacon Nye and Capt Enoch Garfield a Committee to apply to an Attorney to get a form of a Corporation —— —— ——

Adjournd the meeting to monday the fifteenth Day of Novr next then to meet at this place at 4 O'Clock P. M.

At a Legal School Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Hopland School-District in Lee on Monday the Ninth Day of Jany ,1797 at the Red School house in sd District at 5 O'Clock in the afternoon. ——————

Mr John Hulet Moderator ——————

Voted to proceed about wood for the School in the same manner as was done Last Winter (viz) that all Schollars who attend School shall be turned out of School unless their Parents or Masters do provide a Quarter of a Cord ready Cut for the fire (including what they already got). The Time however Limited by this Vote Extends to the first of Febry next at which Time all Schollars who have had no wood provided are to be Turned out of School ——————

Chose Mr William Whitney Mr Elijah Ingersoll and Mr John Keep Committee to Turn those Schollars out of School who shall have had no wood provided for them agreeable to the foregoing vote ——————

Voted That the Committee Use their Discretion about boarding the Master if there Can be places found for him to board without pay, then Do that way and if such places Cannot be found where he will board, then hire him boarded out of the Public Money ——————

Desolved the Meeting

At a Legal School meeting of the Hopland School District in Lee on monday the 22 Day of May 1797 at the red School house in said District at 4 O'Clock in the afternoon. ——————

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Enoch Garfield Moderator. ——————

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Voted Not to expend the public money the Ensuing summer.

Voted That the Committee Act Discretionary with the Lands that are forfeited. ————

Desolved the Meeting ——

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At a Legal School Meeting of Hopland School District in Lee at the red School house in said [District] on Monday the 14th Day of August at 4 O'Clock P. M. 1797. ——————

Enoch Garfield Moderator. ——— ——— — —

Adjourned the Meeting to the first Monday in Septr next at 3 O'Clock P. M.

First Monday Septr

Meeting opened according to adjournment

Desolvd the Meeting ————

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At[a]Legal School Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee at the red School house in said District on Friday the sixth Day of Octr at 5 O'Clock P. M. 1797 ——

Enoch Garfield Moderator — — — — — — — —

Adjournd the Meeting to Friday the 13th of this Instant at sunset then to Meet at this place. ————

Friday 13th October 1797

Meeting opened according to adjournment.

1st Voted that Two Schools be set up in the District, one at the red School house, and one at Capt Starnses. ————

Voted that there be a Committee, to each District.

Choose Messrs David Ingersoll, and Elijah Ingersoll, be the Committee, for the red School house School, and Messrs Joseph Whiton, and Saml Couch, be the Committee for the School near the Forge.

Voted that each School shall Draw their proportionable part of the Money according to the Time they really send to each School

Voted that there be a Quarter of a Cord of wood to each Scholar by the Tenth of Nov.

Desolved the Meeting. ——

† The following has been cancelled in the Record:

Voted that whereas there is now a School kept By subscription that sd. School be Continued.

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At a Legal School Meeting of the Hopland School District in Lee at the red School house in said District on Monday the nineteenth day of Feb. 1798. at 5 O'Clock in the after noon

Levi Nye Moderator. ——— ———

Question. Will the District Let Aaron Wormer hold his School Lot which is forfeited By not paying the rent in season. Voted in the Negative.†

Choose Joseph Whiton Jedediah Crocker and Enoch Garfield a Committee to take in to Consideration the situation of the School Lands and report what they think Expedient to be Done ————

Adjourned the Meeting to next week Wednesday the Twentyeighth Day of Feb. Current at 1 O'Clock P. M. then to Meet at this place ——

Wednesday Twentieth Day of Feb

Meeting opened according to adjournment

Voted To Accept of the report of the Committee Chosen at the Last meeting to take into Consideration the situation of the School Lands which report is as follows

"That it will be Best to Let the School Lands remain in the same situation they are now an other Season and in the Interval of Time petition the Genl Court for an amendment of our Act of incorporation so that the District may have power To Tax themselves to the support of Schools and Do other Business Authenticly"

Chose Joseph Whiton Enoch Garfield and Jedediah Crocker a Committe to Petition the Genl Court for an Amendment to our Act of incorporation. ————

Desolved the Meeting.

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At a Legal School Meeting of the Hopland School District in Lee on Monday the 29th Octr 1798 at the red School house in said District at 3 O'Clock P. M. ————

Capt Abijah Merrill Moderator

Voted To pass over the second article in the Warrant

Voted That there shoud be a School or Schools Set up in the District the approaching Winter. ————

Voted To Set up Two Schools one at the red School house the other in the Neighborhood near the Forge.

Desolved the Meeting

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At a legal School meeting of the Inhabitants of the Hopland School District in Lee at the red School house in Sd District on Monday the 25th day of February at 2 O'Clock P M. 1799

Capt David Porter Moderator. ————

Voted to Choose a Committee of Three to take care of the School Lands

Choose Capt David Porter, Joseph Whiton & Mr Jedediah Crocker for the above Committee

† See lease under Hopland MSS.

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Voted that the Committee for the takeing care of the Public School Lands shall act and be considered as assessors if there shoud be any Assessing necessary. ———

Choose Joseph Whiton Clerk ————

Choose Capt Enoch Garfield Treasr . ———

Choose Mr David Ingersoll Collector

Voted to be Taxed with the Town of Lee the Ensuing year to the support of Schools in the same proportion that the rest of the Town agree to be Taxed Sd Tax to be assessed by the assessors of the Town of Lee.——— and to be Collected [b]y the Collector of Lee. ———

Choose Capt Garfield as an aijaunt to pro cure a form of Lease for the public Lands —— —— ———

Choose Joseph Whiton Saml Davis & Mr Enoch Garfield a Committee to settle with the former Committee for Taking care of the School Lands

Adjourned the Meeting for three Weeks from this day then to meet at this place at 2 ,O Clock P M.

Monday 18th March 1799 Meeting opened according to adjournment. —

Voted That Job Hamlin May possess his School Lot agreeable to the Tenure of his old Lease Excepting having the privilege of paying up the principal when he pleases and so Extinguish the rent —— †

Voted That Edmond Hinckley possess his School Lot on the Terms that Mr Hamlin is to possess his School Lot ——— †

Voted That Anan Hall possess his Lot on the same Terms that Mr Hamlin has his Lot with the addition of one Dollar rent yearly. ———

Voted That Enoch Garfield possess the Lot he has improved these number of years on the Like Terms. ————

Voted That Jared Ingersoll possess his Lot on the like Terms with Mr Hamlin and others

Voted That the Tongue and Island Lot (so called) be set up at Vendue for five years. ————

Voted That the School Lot that the Heirs of Benjn Backus Improve be in the Hands of the Committee to do as they see proper. ——— †

Voted to Choose a Committee of six to take into Consideration where the Line ought to run between the Two Schools and to report to a future Meeting. ————

Choose Archelus Chadwick John Hulet Joseph Whiton Nathan Bassett Enoch Garfield and David Ingersoll be the above Committee. ——

Voted to Choose one in addition to the above Committee

Choose Stephen Couch for the Committee

Voted To Adjourn this Meeting to next Monday 25th Inst. at 1 O'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place ———

Monday, 25 Jan,y —[March]Meeting opened according to Adjournment.

Voted To Accept of the report of the Committee to whom was referred

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how the Schools ought to Divide — Which report was to the following effect (viz) beginning at Tyringham Line where Hopbrook Comes into Lee and following the brook down to where it Comes into the River thence down the River to the East Line of the Lands of the Mr Hulets which they purchased of the Heirs of Amos Mansfield thence northwardly on said Line to the Road Leading from the Red School house to Stockbridge (meaning the old County road) and thence on said Road to Stockbridge Line but it is understood that persons living in the south part and having property in the other part the sd property goes with them and so with persons living in [the] other part & having property in the south part, their said property goes with them in like manner. ————

Desolved the Meeting

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[MS. not recorded.]

We the subscribers Committee of the Hopland School District who were appointed to Take into Consideration where the line ought to [be] between the Schools in said District that is the School that attend at the School house near Mr Garfields and School that attends at the School house near Mr Hurlburts having met and duly considered the same report as our opinion that it will be expedient to Divide the Schools as follows (viz) beginning at Tyringham Line where hopbrook Comes into Lee and following Sd Brook to where it Comes into the River thence down the River to the East line of the Lands Belonging to the Mr Hulets which they Lately purchased of the Heirs of Amos Mansfield thence northwardly on Sd line to the Road Leading from the Red School house to Stockbridge But it is understood that persons living in the South part of Said District and having property on the other part of it is Considered that the sd property goes with them and so with persons Living in the other part & having property in south part their sd property goes with them in Likemanner.

Lee March 22nd 1799.

Archelus Chadwick
Enoch Garfield
David Ingersoll
Nathan Bassett
Joseph Whiton

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At a Legal School Meeting of the Hopland School District on Monday the 13th day of March at the red School house in Sd District at 4 O,Clock in the afternoon 1799 ————————

Choose Capt Enoch Garfield Moderator. ———

Voted that the Seal of the Hopland School District be a representation of a Mans head

Voted to accept the New form of Leases ————

Adjourned the [meeting] To Monday the Twenty seventh day of May Instant at 4 O'Clock P. M. then to Meet at this place ———

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Monday 27th May 1799

Meeting opened according to adjournment

Voted to Leave the Second article in the Warrant respecting the Leases of the Public Lands Discretionary with the Committee

Desolvd the Meeting.

At a Legal School Meeting of the Hopland School District on Tuesday the Eighth Day of Octr 1799 at 4 O Clock in the afternoon at the red School house in said District.

Choose Capt. David Porter Moderator

Voted To Pass over the Second article for the present

Voted To pass over the Third Articl[e] in the Warrant

Voted To set up Two Schools the winter approaching—one at the School house near the Forge — The other at the red School house or at some place where the persons [who] send to the red School house shall see fit to direct.

Desolvd the Meeting

At a Legal School Meeting of the Hopland School District in Lee on Monday the 24th Day of March 1800 at the red School house in said District at 2 O'Clock in the afternoon.

Choose Capt David Porter Moderator.

Choose Joseph Whiton Clerk

Choose Capt David Porter, Joseph Whiton, and Jedediah Crocker Committee to Take Care of the Public School Lands

Voted That the Committee for Taking Care of the Public School Lands shall be Considered and shall Act as Assessors if any Money be Granted by the District.

Choose Capt Enoch Garfield Treasurer

Choose Thomas Chadwick Collector.

Voted to Divide the Public School Money raised by a Tax the year past according to the Lists of Each part of the District That is to the Three Schools in the manner aforesaid.

Voted to Divide the Money arising from the Public School Lands and what Does not Go to the Cape-Street District between the Red school house Division and the Forge Division Equally that half to each.

Voted To allow Nathan Basset as much School Money as his School Tax was the Last year

Adjourned the Meeting to Monday the Thirty-first Day of March Instant at 4 O'Clock P. M. Then to meet at this place.

March 31th 1800

Meeting opened according to adjournment

Voted That the Committee for Taking Care of the Public School Land be Directed to Give Leases to those persons who hold sd public School

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Lands agreeable to the Lease which Edmond Hinckley has of his School Lot with the addition of a Clause Granting the Leasee the priviledge of paying the principal of which the yearly rent is the Interest any Vote of the District heretofore to the Contrary thereof Notwithstanding. ——

which Lease is in the words and figures following

(Viz)

This Indenture of Lease, in Two parts, made this (here is inserted the Time of making the Lease)— Between the Hopland School District, in the Town of Lee in the County of Berkshire of the one part, and (here is inserted the Name of the Leasee and the place of his abode) of the other part Witnesseth. That the sd District in Consideration of the Rents and Covenants hereinafter mentioned, hath Demised granted and to farm Lett and By these presents doth Demise, grant and to farm let, to the said (here is again inserted the Name of the Leasee) one certain tract of Land Described as follows (viz) Lying in sd Hopland School District (here Continues the Description of the Land) Being School Land lying within and belonging to said District.— To have and to hold the same, with the Appurtenances thereof to him the sd (here again is inserted the Name of the Leasee) his Heirs executors Administrators and Assigns, for and During the Term of (here is inserted the Length of the Term) yielding and paying therefor To the said District the yearly sum of (here is inserted the sum to be paid) to be paid annually, on the aforesaid (here is inserted the Time of paying the yearly rent) in each and every year during sd Term the payment to be made to the Committee of the District for the Time being-And if the aforesaid yearly rent of (here is inserted the sum of the yearly rent) or any part thereof shall be in arrear and unpaid for the space of three Kilendar Months, exclusive, from the day when the same shall become payable as aforesaid it shall be Lawful for the sd District by their Committee for the Time being into the above Demised premises or any parcell thereof in the Name of the whole to re-enter and the same Demised premises and every part and parcell thereof to repossess have & enjoy in the same right title and estate as the sd District had therein before and untill the Execution of this Lease and the sd (here is inserted again the Name of the Leasee) his Heirs Executors Administrators and assigns to expel and exclude therefrom any thing hereinbefore to the Contrary notwithstanding (here follows the Clause Granting the Leasee the Privilege of paying the Sum of which the yearly rent is the Interest and so Extinguish the rent) But if, at any time, hereafter during sd term, (the Leasee) shall well and truly pay unto the Committee of the Sd Hopland-School-District, for the time being, the Sum, of which the Yearly rent aforesaid is the Lawful interest, together with the rents, which may remain unpaid, at the time of the payment of the sum last aforesaid, then, the yearly rent aforesaid shall cease and be extinguished, and be considered as wholly paid, during the Remainder of sd term. ——

And the sd (here is again inserted the name of the Leasee) for himself

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[his] heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, Covenants with the sd District, that he the sd (here, again is inserted the name of the Leasee) his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, shall and will well and truly pay the aforesaid yearly sums of rent at the several times, when the same shall become payable, as aforesaid; and will also pay and discharge all taxes, Rates and assessments whatever, which shall be levied, assessed or Charged upon the sd demised premises, or any part thereof, during sd term, and will use and improve sd demised premises in a proper and reasonable manner, keep the same in good state and repair and at the Expiration of sd term, will deliver peaceable possession thereof to the sd District, without strip or waste. In witness whereof the said District by (here is inserted the names of the Committee) a Committee Thereto duly appointed and Authorised by Law and the sd (here is inserted the name of the Leasee) in his own person hereto set their Signatures and Seals the day and year above written

Signed sealed [and delivered]) in presence of)	Comittee of the Hopland School District	(L S)
	Leasee's name	(L S)
	Desolved the Meeting	

[Memoranda from last page of first book of Hopland School Records.]

Apl 17 — 1800

Then the Committee Settled Respecting the Public Money and found Due to the forge School five Dollars and Eighty Three Cents — This has reference only to the Red School house School so calld and the Forge School. [See p. 225.]

The following is a State ment of Monies which Joseph Whiton have had of the District viz

	By My Rect Given to former Committee Given up	22,00
	By ballance of My Note and Capt Starnes's Given up	14 —
	By Cash paid by Capt Porter Last Summer	20,05
June 1801 —	By Cash had of Capt Porter —— —— ——	10,
March	By the Rent of the Tongue & Island —— ——	5,44
	By the Rent of the Brick Yard Lot up to when we Gave the New Lease —— —— —— —— ——	
May 6	By Cash of Capt Porter — —— —— ——	12,00
July 8	By Cash of Capt Porter —— ——	20,00
	By the rent of Jehu Ramsdells Lot —— —— ——	

The above Memorandum transfer'd to the Treasury Book — Now settled.

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HOPLAND MSS.

[Benjamin Backus' lease,—drawn up by Nathan Dillingham.]

This Indenture, made this sixth Day of November in the year of our Lord Christ One thousand, seven Hundred & eighty three, by & between William Ingersoll Esqr , and Matthew Vandusen & Jeremiah Wormer yeomen all of Lee in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts (in their Capacity of Committee) chosen and appointed by the Proprietors of a certain Tract of Land, called the Hopland Division (formerly belonging to Great Barrington in the said County, now lying in Lee aforesaid) to dispose of and improve certain Lands belonging to the said Division for the Support of a School for the Benefit of those Persons who have & shall settle in the said Hopland Division, of the One part And Benjamin Backus of Lee aforesaid Husbandman of the other part — Witnesseth that the said William, Matthew & Jeremiah, in their said Capacity, in Behalf of themselves and their Successors in their Said Capacity, and the proprietors of the Hopland Division aforesaid, in consideration of the Rents & Covenants herein after express'd, mention'd & contained, have Demised, Granted, and by these presents do Demise, Grant & to farm lett unto the said Benjamin Backus, his Heirs & Assigns One certain Tract or parcel of Land lying in Lee aforesaid, it being one third, on the Easterly part of Lot No 2 in the fourth Division of the said Hopland Division, and is divided from the Westerly part of said Lot by a Line begining at a Stake & Stones in the Line of Oliver West's Lot which he now lives on, thence runing South 15 Degrees East, to a Stake & Stones in the Line of Arthur Perry's Land; appropriated, by the proprietors for the Support of a Schooll for the Benefit of those Persons who have & shall settle in the Hopland Division aforesaid, which Easterly part of said Lot number two contains by Estimation ten Acres ———

To have & to hold the said Demised & Granted Premises, together with their appurtenances to him the said Benjamin Backus, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators & Assigns from the said sixth Day of November for and during the Term of nine hundred, ninety and nine years thence next ensuing and fully to be completed & ended, he the said Benjamin, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns yielding and paying unto the said William, Matthew & Jeremiah, their Successors in their said Capacity, or the said Proprietors, yearly and at the End & Expiration of every year during the said Term therefor as Rent the Sum of One pound thirteen Shillings (being the Lawful interest of twenty seven pounds, ten shillings Lawful Money) and one Indian Corn if Demanded:— And if at

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any time during the said term, the said Benjamin, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns shall pay or cause to be paid unto the said William, Matthew and Jeremiah their Successors in their said Capacity, or the Proprietors aforesaid the Sum of twenty seven pounds ten Shillings Lawful, Silver Money Exclusive of the Rents which may have been paid or may remain Due at the time of the payment of the said Sum of twenty seven pounds ten Shillings, then during the Remainder of the said Term, from and after the payment of the Sum last aforesaid, the said Sum of One pound thirteen Shillings before Reserved as Rent, shall cease and be Extinguished out of the said Rent during the whole of the Remainder of the said Term, after the payment of the said Sam of twenty seven pounds ten Shillings in manner aforesaid. And the said Benjamin Backus for himself his Heirs, Executors, Administrators & Assigns doth hereby Covenant to & with the said William Matthew & Jeremiah their Successors in their said Capacity, and the Proprietors aforesaid that the said Benjamin, his Heirs, Executors Administrators & Assigns shall and will well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto them the said William Matthew & Jeremiah, their Successors in their said Capacity or the Proprietors aforesaid the Rent before Reserved at the End & Expiration of every year during the Term aforesaid, in the manner before expressed, according to the true intent and meaning of these presents; and if it shall happen that the yearly Rent aforesaid, or any part thereof shall be in arrear and unpaid for the Space of three Months next after the Day or Time whereon the same should, or of Right ought to be paid as aforesaid, the same being lawfully Demanded, that then and from thence it shall and may be lawful for the said William, Matthew and Jeremiah, their Successors in their said Capacity and the said Proprietors into the said Demised Premises, or into any part thereof in the name of the whole to Reenter, and the same premises and every part thereof to have again, repossess and enjoy, as in their first and former Estate, Right Title and Degree; and the said Benjamin, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators & Assigns, thereout and from thence to expel and put out, any thing herein to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. —— And also he the said Benjamin, his Heirs, Executors Administrators & Assigns, at all times during said Term shall & will pay & discharge all Rates Taxes & payments, wherewith the Premises aforesaid may be charged or chargeable during the said Term. And the said William Matthew & Jeremiah for and in behalf of themselves, their Successors in their Said Capacity and the Proprietors aforesaid, do hereby Covenant & Grant to & with the said Benjamin, his Heirs, Executors, administrators & assigns, paying the yearly Rent of one pound, thirteen Shillings, and one Indian Corn if Demanded, and performing all and every of the said Covenants & Agreements, herein before contained & expressed, which on his or their part or parts or Behalf are or ought to be paid done or performed, shall and may from time [to time] and at all

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or any or either of them. —— And the said William Matthew & Jeremiah, for and in Behalf of themselves, their Successors, in their said Capacity, and the said Proprietors do hereby further Covenant and Grant to and with the said Benjamin, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, or any, or either of them, at any time here after during the said Term, shall pay or cause to be paid unto them the said William, Matthew & Jeremiah, their Successors in their said Capacity or the Proprietors aforesaid, or to any or either of them the Said Sum of twenty seven pounds ten shillings exclusive of the Rents which may have been paid or may remain Due at the time of the payment of the said Sum of twenty Seven pounds ten Shillings, then from and after the payment of the Sum last aforesaid, in manner aforesaid, the said Sum of One pound thirteen Shillings before reserved as Rent shall cease, be extinguished and considered as wholly paid & satisfied, during the whole of the Term aforesaid — Hereby Demised and Granted. In witness whereof the Parties to these Presents, have hereunto interchangeably Set their Hands & Seals, the Day & year first above written

Signed, Sealed & Delivered in presence of us. —
Nathn Dillingham
Sylvanus D * * * * * *

Wm Ingersoll (L. S.)
Matthew Van dusen (L. S.)

Benjamin Backus (L. S.)

[A section of the MS. is here missing, the other side of which is indicated in the body of the lease above by stars. It is probable that the missing fragment contained sundry endorsements for payments of rent.

See p. 223, for instructions to the Land Committee regarding this piece of land. The affidavit of Matthew Vandusen to his signature, written more than fifteen years before, may have been a cautionary measure taken by this committee.]

Berkshire ss may 20th 1799
then personally appeared the above named matthew vandusen and acknowledged the above written instrument to be his free act and Deed before me

Ebenezer Jenkins
Justice of the Peace

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Hopland Com^t Indenture With Amaziah Doten £ 7–16

[Drawn by Nathan Dillingham.]

This Indenture made this first Day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand seven Hundred and eighty four, by and between Enoch Garfield, David Porter and Reuben Pixley, all of Lee in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in their Capacity of Committee chosen and appointed by the proprietors of a certain Tract of Land called the Hopland Division formerly belonging to Great Barrington in said County, now lying in Lee aforesaid, to dispose of and improve certain Lands belonging to the said Division appropriated by the Proprietors of the Division for the Support of a School for the Benefit of those Persons who have or shall settle in the said Hopland Division——of the one part and Amaziah Doten of Lee aforesaid of the other part——Witnesseth—— that the said Enoch, David and Reuben in their said Capacity, and the Proprietors of the Hopland Division aforesaid, in Consideration of the Rents & Covenants herein after express'd mention'd & contain'd, have Demised, Granted and to Farm letten, and by these presents do demise grant & to farm lett unto the said Amaziah Doten, his Heirs & Assigns, One certain Tract or parcel of Land lying in Lee aforesaid —— Being Lot No 32 Containing by Compute 10 Acres of Land be the same more or less— and 27½ Acres of additional Land adjoining the above said Lot The whole being in the Second Division of the Hop Land Division —— appropriated by the said Proprietors for the Support of a School for the Benefit of those Persons who have & shall settle in the Hopland Division aforesaid

To have and to hold the said Demised and Granted Premises, together with their Appurtenances, to him the said Amaziah Doten, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators & Assigns from the said first Day of April for & during the Term of Nine Hundred, ninety & nine years, thence next ensuing, and fully to be compleat and ended, he the said Amaziah, his Heirs, Executors Administrators or Assigns, yielding & paying unto the Committee aforesaid, their Successors in their said Capacity or to the Proprietors, yearly and at the end and expiration of every year, during the said Term, therefor as Rent 7—16—0 the Sum of Seven Pounds, Sixteen Shillings (being the Lawful Interest of One Hundred and thirty Pounds Lawful Money) and one Indian Corn if Demanded. And if at any time during the said Term the said Amaziah, his Heirs, Executors Administrators or Assigns shall pay unto the Committee aforesaid, their Successors in their said Capacity, or to the Proprietors aforesaid the Sum of One Hundred and thirty Pounds Lawful Silver Money, Exclusive of the Rents which may have been paid, or may remain Due at the time of the payment of the said Sum of One Hundred & thirty Pounds, then during the remainder of the said Term from & after the payment of the Sum last aforesaid, the said Sum of Seven Pounds Sixteen shillings shall cease and be extinguished out of the said Rent, During the whole of the Remainder of the Said Term

And the said Amaziah Doten, for himself, his Heirs, Executors, Admin-

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istrators & Assigns doth hereby Covenant & Grant to and with the said Enoch, David & Reuben, their Successors in their said Capacity and the Proprietors aforesaid, that the said Amaziah, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators & Assigns, shall & will well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto them the said Enoch, David & Reuben, their Successors in their said Capacity or the Proprietors aforesaid, the Rents before Reserved, at the End & Expiration of every year during the said Term, in manner before express'd, according to the true intent & meaning of these Presents. And if it shall happen that the yearly Rent aforesaid, or any part thereof shall be in arrear and unpaid for the Space of three Months next after the Day or time whereon the same should, or of Right ought to have been paid as aforesaid, the same being Lawfully Demanded, that then & from thenceforth it shall and may be lawful for them the said Enoch David & Reuben, their Successors in their said Capacity and the Proprietors aforesaid, into the said Demised Premises to Reenter, and the same Premises, and every part thereof to have again Repossess & Enjoy as in their first & former Estate, Right, Title & Degree, and the said Amaziah, his Heirs, Executors & Assigns, thereout & from thence to Expel and put out, any thing herein to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. And also that he the said Amaziah, his Heirs Executors, Administrators & Assigns at all times during said Term, shall & will pay & Discharge all Taxes, Rates & Payments wherewith the Premises aforesaid may be charged or chargeable during the sd Term. And the said Enoch, David & Reuben for and in Behalf of themselves, their Successors in their said, Capacity, and the Proprietors aforesaid, do hereby Covenant and Grant to & with the said Amaziah, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators & Assigns, paying the yearly Rent of seven Pounds sixteen Shillings, and one Indian Corn if Demanded, and performing all and every of the said Covenants & agreements herein before contained and expressed, which on his or their part or parts or Behalf are or ought to be paid, done or performed, shall and may from time to time and at all times during the said Term hereby granted, peaceably enter into, have, hold, use, occupy and enjoy all & singular the said Demised and Granted Premises, together with their Appurtenances, without any Let, Trouble, Hindrance, Molestation, Interruption and Denial of the Committee aforesaid, their Successors, or the Proprietors aforesaid, or any Person claiming to hold the same from or under them And the said Enoch, David & Reuben for & in behalf of themselves, their Successors in their said Capacity and the said Proprietors, do hereby further Covenant & Grant to & with the said Amaziah, his Heirs, Executors Administrators & Assigns that if the said Amaziah, his Heirs, Executors Administrators or Assigns, at any time hereafter, during the said Term shall pay, or cause to be paid unto the said Committee, their Successors in said Capacity, or to the Proprietors aforesaid the said Sum of One Hundred & thirty Pounds Lawful, Silver Money, Exclusive of the Rents which may have been paid, or may remain Due at the time

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of the payment of the said Sum One Hundred and thirty Pounds, then from & after the Payment of the Sum last aforesaid, in manner aforesaid, the said Sum of Seven Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, before reserved as Rent, shall cease, be extinguished and considered as wholly paid & Satisfied during the whole of the Term aforesaid —— Hereby Demised & Granted. In Witness whereof the Parties to these Presents have hereunto interchangeably set their Hands & Seals, the Day & Year first above written—

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of us	Amaziah Doten	(L. S.)
William Whitney)	Enoch Gearfield	(L. S.)
Asa Bullard)	David Porter	(L. S.)

April 26th — 1790
Recd Interest up to the First of April Instant.
Apl 1t — 1793 Recd Rent up to this Day
April th 1—1794 Recvd on this Leas Six pound
Rec'd Interest of the Within Lease up to April 1794

Hopland Committee's Lease to Jacob Fuller

[Drawn by Joseph Whiton.]

This Indenture made this fifteenth Day of November in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven by and Between David Porter Gentleman Enoch Garfield & Reuben Pixley yeomen all of Lee in the County of Berkshire within the Common-Wealth of Massachusetts in their Capacity of a Committee Chosen and appointed by the Propriators of a certain Tract of Land Called the Hopland Division formerly Belonging to Great Barrington in the said County now lying in Lee aforesaid to Dispose of and improve certain Lands Belonging to sd Division appropriated By the Propriators of the sd Division for the Support of a School for the Benefit of those Persons who have and shall settle in the sd Hopland Division of the one part And Jacob Fuller of Lee aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth. ——

That the sd David Enoch and Reuben in their said Capacity in Behalf of themselves and their Successors in their sd Capacity and the propriators of the Hopland Division aforesaid in Consideration of the Covenants and Rents hereinafter Expressd mentioned and Containd have Demised granted and to farm letten & by these Presents Do Demise grant and to farm lett unto the sd Jacob Fuller his Heirs and Assigns one certain Tract of Land lying in Lee aforesaid Being the Second and third part of Lot No thirty seven in the first Division of the Hopland Division aforesaid appropriated by the sd propriators for the Support of a School for the Benefit of those Persons who have & shall Settle in the Hopland Division aforesaid which sd Second and third part of Said Lot has been known and commonly called by the name of the Island and Tongue con-

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taining by estimation four Acres and forty nine Rods & half a Rod. —— T[o] have and to hold the sd Demised and granted Premises, together with their appurtenances to him the said Jacob Fuller his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns from and after the said fifteenth Day of November for and During the Term of nine hundred ninety and nine years the[nce] next ensuing and fully to be Complete and ended he the sd Jacob his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns yielding and paying unto the sd David Enoch and Reuben their Successors in their sd Capacity or the propriators yearly and at the end and expiration of every year During the sd Term therefor as Rent the Sum of one pound twelve shillings and eight pence one farthing being the Lawful Interest of Twenty seven pounds five shillings Lawful Money and one Indian Corn if Demanded and if at any Time During the said Term the said Jacob his heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns Shall pay or cause to be paid unto the sd David Enoch and Reuben their Successors in their said Capacity or the propriators aforesaid the sd Sum of Twenty Seven pounds five shillings Lawful silver money exclusive of the Rents which may have been paid or may remain due at the time of the Payment of the sd Sum of Twenty seven Pounds five shillings then During the remainder of the sd Term from and after the Payment of the Sum last aforesaid the sd Sum of one Pound Twelve shillings and Eight pence one farthing Before reservd as Rent shall cease and Be Extinguished out of the sd Rent During the whole of the remainder of the sd Term after the payment of the sd Sum of Twenty seven pounds five shillings in manner aforesaid and the sd Jacob Fuller for himself his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns Doth hereby Covenant and grant to and with the sd David Enoch and Reuben their Successors in their sd Capacity and the Propriators aforesaid that he the sd Jacob his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns shall and will well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto them the sd David Enoch and Reuben their Successors in their sd Capacity or the propriators aforesaid the Rent before reservd at the end and expiration of every year During the term aforesaid in the manner before expressd according to the true intent and meaning of these Presents and if it shoud happen that the yearly Rent aforesaid or any part thereof shoud be in arrear and unpaid for the space of three Months next after the Day or time whereon the same shoud or of Right ou[gh]t to have Been paid as aforesaid the same being Lawfully Demanded that then and from thenceforth it shall and may be Lawful for the said David Enoch & Reuben their Successors in sd Capacity and the Propriators into the sd Demis'd Premises or into any part thereof in the name of the whole to reenter and the same Premises and every part thereof to have again repossess and enjoy as in their first and former estate right title & Degree and the sd Jacob his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns thereout and from thence to expel and put out any thing herein to the Contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding And also that the sd Jacob his Heirs Executors

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Administrators and Assigns at all times During the sd term shall and will well and truly pay and Discharge all Rates Taxes and payments wherewith the Premises aforesaid may be charged or Chargeable During the sd term. And the sd David Enoch and Reuben for and in Behalf of themselves and their Successors in their sd Capacity and the Propriators aforesaid do hereby Covenant and grant to and with the sd Jacob his Heirs Executors Administrators paying the Yearly Rent of one pound twelve shillings and Eight pence one farthing aforesaid (and one Indian corn if Demanded) and performing all and every of the sd Covenants and agreements herein Before Contained and expressd which on either part or Behalf ought to be paid Done or performed shall and from time to time and at all times During the said Term hereby granted peacable and Quietly enter into have hold occupy and enjoy all and singular the sd Demised and granted Premises together with their appurtenances without any let trouble hindrance molestation interruption and Denial of them the sd David Enoch and Reuben their Successors in their sd Capacity or the Propriators aforesaid or any or either of them or any person or persons claiming to hold the same from or under them or any or either of them And the sd David Enoch and Reuben for and in behalf of themselves their Successors in their sd Capacity and the Propriators Do hereby further Covenant and grant to and with the sd Jacob his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns or any or either of them at any time hereafter During the sd Term shall pay or cause to be paid unto them the sd David Enoch and Reuben their Successors in their sd Capacity or the Propriators aforesaid or any or either of them the sd Sum of twenty seven Pounds five shillings Lawful Silver money Exclusive of the Rents which may have been paid or may remain Due at the time of the payment of the sd Sum of twenty seven Pounds five shillings then from and after the payment of the Sum last aforesaid in manner aforesaid the sd Sum of one Pound twelve shillings and eight pence one farthing before reservd as Rent shall cease and be extinguished and considered as wholly paid and satisfied During the whole of the term aforesaid hereby Demised and granted. ———————

In witness whereof the parties of these Presents have hereunto interchangably set their hands and Seals the Day and year first above written

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in presence of us — Enoch Garfield (L. S.)
William Whitney }
Joseph Whiton } — David Porter (L. S.)
Jacob Fuller (L. S.)
James Gardnr

Received on the with in Leas the first year Rent ——— ———
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[Aaron Wormer's lease,—drawn by Joseph Whiton.]

This Indenture made this sixth Day of November In the Year of our Lord Christ one Thousand seven hundred and ninety one by and between Enoch Garfield, David Porter, and Levi Nye, all of Lee in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts in their Capacity of a Committee Chosen and appointed by the Propriators of a Certain Tract of Land Called the Hopland Division formerly belonging to Great Barrington in the said County now lying in Lee aforesaid, to Dispose of and improve Certain Lands belonging to said Division appropriated by the Propriators of the said Division for the support of a School for the Benefit of those persons who have and shall settle in the said Hopland Division of the one part—— And Aaron Wormer of Lee aforesaid of the other part witnesseth. —— That the said Enoch David and Levi, in their said Capacity and in behalf of themselves their successors in their said Capacity and the Propriators of the Hopland Division aforesaid in Consideration of the Rents and Covenants hereinafter expressd mentioned & Contained. Have Demised Granted and to farm letten and by these presents do Demise Grant and to farm lett unto the said Aaron Wormer his Heirs and Assigns one certain Tract or parcell of Land lying in Lee aforesaid being the northerly half of the School Lot No 24 in the Third Division of the sd Hopland Division appropriated by the said Propriators for the support of a School for the benefit of those persons who have and shall settle in the Hopland Division aforesaid which said Lot No 24 is Divided into halves or two equal parts by a line proceeding from the south west Corner of Lot No 27 in the same Division the northerly half of which Contains by Estimation Twenty Two Acres and one half of an Acre.

To have and to hold the said Demised and Grauted Premises together with their appurtenances to him the said Aaron Wormer his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns from the said sixth Day of November for and During the Term of Nine Hundred ninety and nine Years thence next ensuing and fully to be Complete and ended he the said Aaron Wormer his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns Yielding and paying unto the said Enoch, David and Levi, Their Successors in their said Capacity or the Propriators aforesaid Yearly and at the end and expiration of every Year During the said Term therefor as rent the Sum of four pounds fourteen shillings and six pence (being the Lawful Interest of Seventy Eight pounds fifteen shillings Lawful Money and one Indian Corn if Demanded. And if at any time During the said Term he the said Aaron Wormer his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns shall pay or Cause to be paid unto the said Enoch, David and Levi, their Successors in their said Capacity or the Propriators aforesaid the said Sum of Seventy Eight pounds fifteen shillings Lawful Money Exclusive of the Rents which may have been paid or may remain Due at the time of the payment ofthe said Sum of Seventy Eight pounds fifteen shillings then during the remainder of the said Term from and after the payment of the Sum last aforesaid, the

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said Sum of four pounds fourteen shillings and six pence before reserv^{d} as Rent shall Cease and be extinguished out of the said Rent during the whole of the remainder of the said Term after the payment of the said Sum of seventy Eight pounds fifteen shillings in manner aforesaid. — And the said Aaron Wormer for himself his Heirs Executors, Administrators and Assigns, doth hereby Covenant and Grant to and with the said Enoch, David and Levi, their Successors in their said Capacity and the Propriators aforesaid that he the said Aaron Wormer his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns shall and will well and truly pay or Cause to be paid unto them the said Enoch, David and Levi their Successors in their said Capacity or the Propriators aforesaid the Rent before reserv^{d} at the end and Expiration of every year during the Term aforesaid in the manner before expressed according to the true Intent and meaning of these presents. And if it shall happen that the Yearly Rent aforesaid, or any part thereof shall be in arrear, and unpaid, for the space of three Months next after the day or time whereon the [same] should or of right ought to be paid as aforesaid the same being Lawfully Demanded, that then and from thence forth it shall and may be Lawful for the said Enoch, David, and Levi their Successors in their said Capacity and the said Propriators, into the said Demised Premises or into any part thereof in the name of the whole to reenter and the same Premises and every part thereof to have again repossess and enjoy, as in their first and former Estate, Right, Title, and Degree. And the said Aaron Wormer, his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns thereout, and from thence to expel, and put out any thing herein to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. And also that ~~he~~ the said Aaron, his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns at all times during said Term shall and will pay and discharg all Rates Taxes and payments wherewith the Premises aforesaid may be Charged or Chargeable During the said Term. — And the said Enoch, David and Levi, for and in behalf of themselves, their Successors in their said Capacity and the Propriators aforesaid, do hereby Covenant and Grant to and with the said Aaron, his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns paying the Yearly Rent of Four pounds fourteen shillings and six pence (and one Indian Corn if Demanded) and performing all and every of the said Covenants and agreements herein before Contain^{d} and Express^{d}, which on his or their parts or behalf are or ought to be Done paid or performed, shall and may from time to time and at all times During said Term hereby Granted peacably and quietly enter into have hold use Occupy and enjoy all and singular the said Demised and Granted Premises together with their appurtenances without any Let Trouble hindrance molestation interruption and Denial of them the said Enoch, David and Levi, their Successors in the their said Capacity or the Propriators aforesaid or any or either of them, or any person or persons, Claiming to hold the same from or under them or any or either of them. And the said Enoch, David and Levi, for and in behalf of themselves their Suc-

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cessors in their said Capacity and the said Propriators do hereby further Covenant and Grant to and with the said Aaron his Heirs, Executors Administrators and Assigns that if the said Aaron his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns or any or either of them, at any time hereafter During the said Term shall pay or cause to be paid unto them the said Enoch, David, and Levi, their Successors in their said Capacity or the Propriators aforesaid or any or either of them the said Sum of seventy eight pounds fifteen shillings Lawful Silver Money Exclusive of the Rents which may have been paid and may be Due at the time of the Payment of the said Sum of seventy Eight pounds fifteen Shillings then from and after the payment of the Sum last aforesaid in manner aforesaid the said Sum of Four pounds fourteen shillings and six-pence before resorvd as Rent shall cease be extinguished and Considered as wholly paid [and] satisfied During the whole of the Term aforesaid hereby Demised and Granted. ————

In witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and Seals the Day and Year first above written.

Signed sealed and Delivered	Aaron Wormer	(L. S.)
In presence of us —	David Porter	(L. S.)
Jonathan West	Enoch Garfield	(L. S.)
Thomas Chadwick		(L. S.)

Receved of Aaron Wormer the first and Second Year Rent on the with in Leas

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Received on the Within Leese the rent 1795

Feburary th 2 1797 then Recevid in full for the Within rent for the year 1796

[Jehu Ramsdill's lease,—drawn by John Freese, Jr.]

This Indenture made this first Day of April in the Year of Our Lord-Christ one Thousand seven hundred and Ninety five by & between Edmund Hinkley, David Ingersoll and John Freese Yeoman all of Lee in the County of Berkshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts (in their Capacity of a Committee Chosen and Appointed by the Proprietors of A certain tract of Land Called the Hopland Division formerly belonging to Gt Barrington in Sd County now lying in Lee Aforesaid) to Dispose of and Improve Certain Lands Belonging to the said Division Appropriated by the Proprietors of the said Division for the support of a school for the Benefit of those Persons who have and shall settle in the said Hopland Division of the one part And Jehu Ramsdill of Lee Aforesaid of the other part —— Witnesseth —— ——

That the said Edmund, David, and John, in their said Capacity in behalf of themselves their Successors in their said Capacity and the propri-

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etors of the hopland Division aforesd in Consideration of the Rents and Covenants herein after Expressed, mentioned and Contained Have Demised Granted and to farm letten and by these presents do Demise grant and[to] farm lett unto the sd Jehu Ramsdill His heirs and Assigns one Certain tract or parcel of Land lying in Lee Aforesaid Being the School Lot No 26 in the last Division of the said hopland Division Appropriated By the sd Proprietors for the support of A school for the benefit of those Persons† who have and shall settle in the hopland Division aforesaid; sd Lot contains Fourteen Acres of Land To have and to hold Said Demised and Granted Premises together with the Apurtenances to him the said Jehu Ramsdill his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns from the said first day of April.— For & During the Term of Nine hundred and Ninety nine years thence Next Ensuing And fully to be Complete and Ended, he the said Jehu his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns yielding and paying unto the said Edmund, David, and John their successors in their sd Capacity or the proprietors Yearly and at the End and Expiration of Every Year During said Term† therefor as Rent the sum of Sixteen Shillings and Nine Pence Two farthings (Being the Lawfull Interest of Fourteen Pounds Lawful Money) And One Indian Corn If Demanded — And if at any time During the Said Term the said Jehu his heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns shall pay or Cause to be paid unto the said Edmund David & John their Successors in their sd Capacity or the Proprietors aforesaid the said sum of Fourteen Pounds Lawfull Silver Money, Exclusive of the Rents which may have been paid or may remain Due at the Time of the payment of the said sum of Fourteen Pounds, then During the Remainder of said term from & after the payment of the sum Last aforesaid, the said sum of sixteen shillings and Nine pence two farthings Before reserved as Rent, shall Cease and be Extinguished out of the said Rent During the whole of the Remainder of the sd Term, after the payment of the said sum of fourteen pounds in Manner afore said —— And the said Jehu Ramsdill for himself, his Heirs † Executors Administrators and assigns Doth hereby Covenant and Grant to and with the said Edmund, David & John their Successors in their Capacity and the proprietors aforesd that he the said Jehu Ramsdill his heirs Executors administrators and assigns Shall & will well &† Truly pay or Cause to be paid unto the said Edmund David and John their Successors in their said Capacity or the Proprietors afore said the Rent before Reserved at the End and Expiration of every Year During the said term in the manner before Expressd according to the true Intent and meaning of these Presents. And if it should happen that the Yearly Rent Aforesaid or any part thereof shall be in Arrear and unpaid for the space of three Months

† "Persons," interlined.
"Term," interlined.
"Heirs," interlined.
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Next after the Day or time whereon the same shoud or if Right ought to be paid as aforesaid the same being Lawfully Demanded that then and from thence forth it shall be and may be Lawfull for the said Edmund David and John their Successors in their Capacity and the said proprietors into the said Demised Premises or into any part thereof in the Name of the whole to Reenter and the same Premises and every part thereof to have again Repossess and Enjoy as in their first and former Estate Right Title and Degree—And the said Jehu His Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns thereout and from thence to Expel and put out any thing herein to the Contrary thereof in any wise Notwithstanding— And Also the sd Jehu, his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns at all times During said term shall and will pay and Discharge all Rates Taxes and payments Wherewith the Premises afor[e]said may be Charged or Chargable During the said Term.— And the sd Edmund David and John for and In behalf of themselves their Successors in their said Capacity and the Proprietors aforesaid Do hereby Covenant and Grant to & with the Said Jehu his heirs Executors administrators and assigns paying the Yearly Rent of Sixteen Shillings and Nine Pence two farthings (and 1 Indian Corn If Demanded) and performing all and Every of the said Covenants and Agreements herein before Contained and Expressd which he on his or their, part, or parts, or behalf, are or Ought to be paid done or performed shall and may from time to time and at all times During the said Term hereby Granted peaceably and quietly enter into have hold use Occupy and Enjoy all and Singular the said Demised and Granted Premises together with their Apurtenances without any let trouble hindrance molestation interruption and Denial of them the said Edmund, David and John their Successors in their said Capacity or the Proprietors aforesaid or any or Either of them or any person or Persons Claiming to hold the same from or Under them or any or Either of them and the said Edmund David & John for and in behalf of themselves their Successors in their sd Capacity and the said Proprietors Do hereby further Covenant and Grant to and with the said Jehu his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns that if the said Jehu his heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns or any or Either of them at any time here after During the said term shall pay or Cause to be paid unto them the said Edmund David, and John their Successors in their sd † Capacity or the Proprietors afore said or to Any or Either of them the Said sum of Fourteen Pounds Lawfull Silver Money Exclusive of the Rents which may have been paid or may Remain Due at the time of the payment of the said sum of Fourteen Pounds then from and after the payment of the sum Last afore said in manner aforesaid the sd sum of Sixteen shillings and Nine Pence two farthings before Reservd as Rent Shall† Cease be Extinguished, and Considered as wholly paid and sattisfyd During the whole of the sd term

† "sd," interlined.

"Shall," interlined.

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hereby Demised & Granted ————

In witness whereof the Parties to these Presents have hereunto interchangably set their hands and Seals the Day & Year first Above Mentioned

Signed sealed and Delivered	Jehu Ramsdill	(L. S.)
in Presence of us — —	Edmond Hinckley	(L. S.)
The interlining was done before signing	David Ingersoll	(L. S.)
David Porter		(L. S.)
Content Hinckley		
Abigil Hinckley		

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[Edmond Hinckley's lease,—drawn by Joseph Whiton.]

This Indenture of Lease, in two parts, made this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Ninety Nine between The Hopland School District, in the Town of Lee, in the County of Berkshire of the one part, and Edmond Hinckley of the said Lee of the other part, Witnesseth. —— That the said District, in Consideration of the rents and covenants herein after mentioned hath Demised, granted and to farm let, & by these presents doth demise, grant and to farm Let, to the said Edmond Hinckley one certain tract of Land described as follows (viz) Lying in the said Hopland School district and is the southerly half of the School Lot No 24 in the Third Division of the Hopland Division of the said Town of Lee which is divided from the northerly half by a Line proceeding from the Southwest Corner of Lot No 27 in the same Division being School Land Lying within and belonging to said District which said southerly half Contains Twenty Two Acres and one half Acre of Land by Estimation —— To have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances thereof, to him the said Edmond Hinckley his Heirs executors, administrators and assigns for and during the Term of Nine hundred Eighty and four years to be computed from the sixth Day of November Last inclusive Yielding and paying therefor to the said District the yearly sum of Thirteen Dollars and Twenty Cents to be paid annually on the aforesaid sixth day of the Month of November in each and every year during said Term, the payments to be made to the Committee of the said District for the Time being — And if the aforesaid yearly rent of Thirteen Dollars and Twenty Cents or any part thereof shall be in arrear and unpaid for the space of three Kalender months, exclusive, from the day when the same shall become payable, as aforesaid, it shall be Lawful for the said District by their Committee for the Time being into the above Demised premises, or any parcel thereof in the Name of the whole, to re-enter, and the same demised premises, and every part and parcell thereof to re-possess have and enjoy, in the same right, Title and Estate, as the said District had therein before and untill the Execution of this Lease and the said Edmond Hinckley his heirs Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to expel and Exclude therefrom any

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thing herein before to the Contrary Notwithstanding — and the said Edmond Hinckley, for himself his heirs executors, Administrators and Assigns, Covenants with the said District that he the said Edmond Hinckley, his heirs executors Administrators and Assigns shall and will well and Truly pay the aforesaid yearly Sums of rent at the several times when the same shall become payable as aforesaid; and will also pay and Discharge all Taxes, Rates and Assessments whatever which shall be levied Assessed or charged upon the said Demised premises or any part thereof, during said Term; and will Use and improve said Demised premises in a proper and reasonable manner keep the same in good state and repair; and at the Expiration of said Term will deliver peacable possession thereof to the said District, without strip or waste In witness whereof the said District by David Porter, Joseph Whiton & Jedediah Crocker a Committee thereto duly appointed and authorized by Law and the said Edmond Hinckley in his own person hereto set their Signatures and Seals the day and year first above written

David Porter } Committee
Joseph Whiton } of the Hopland School District (L. S.)

Signed Sealed and
Delivered in presence of
Enoch Garfield
Jared Ingersoll

Edmond Hinckley (L. S.)

December th 4 have Paid the rent of this Leas for the year 1800

[On the duplicate, is also the endorsement:]

February 4th 1800 Recivd four pounds toward the rent of this Lease

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Hopland School District Inttenture with Jacob Russell.

Rent payable Octr 25th annually

This Indenture of Lease, in Two parts, made this Twenty Third day of Octr in the year of our Lord one Thousand and Eight hundred Between the Hopland School District in the Town of Lee in the County of Berkshire of the one part, and Jacob Russell of Tyringham in the County aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth. That the Said District in Consideration of the Rents and Covenants hereinafter mentioned, hath demised granted and to farm lett and by these presents doth Demise, grant and to farm let, to the said Jacob Russell, one Certain tract of Land described as follows (viz) Lying in said Hopland School District and is the first part of Lot No Thirty seven lying the South Side of the River in the first Division of the Hoplands, Being School Land within and belonging to said District, Containing by Estimation five Acres † To have and to hold the same with the appurtenances thereof to him the said Jacob Russell his heirs executors Administrators and Assigns for and During the Term of Nine hundred and Ninety Two years yielding and paying therefor to the

† The words, "Containing by Estimation five Acres," interlined.

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said District the yearly Sum of Three Dollar Thirty Three Cent Three Mills To be paid annually on the aforesaid Twenty Third day of October in each and every year during said Term the payment to be made to the Committee of the District for the Time being. And if the aforesaid yearly rent of Three Dollars Thirty three Cents & Three Mills or any part thereof shall be in arrear and unpaid for the space of Three Kellender Months exclusive, from the day when the same shall become payable as aforesaid it shall be Lawful for the said District by their Committee for the time being into the above Demised premises or any parcell thereof in the Name of the whole to re-enter and the‡ same demised premises and every part and parcel thereof to repossess have and enjoy in the same right Title and estate as the Said District had therein before and untill the Execution of this Lease and the Said Jacob Russell his heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns to expell and exclude therefrom any thing herein before to the Contrary notwithstanding. But if at any Time hereafter during Said Term the Said Jacob Russell shall well and truly pay unto the Committee of the Said Hopland School-District for the time being, the Sum of Fifty Five Dollars and Fifty Six Cents together with the rents which may remain unpaid at the Time of the payment of the Sum last aforesaid, then the yearly rent aforesaid shall cease and be extinguished and be considered as wholly paid during the remainder of Said Term— And the Said Jacob Russell for himself his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns Covenant with the Said District that he the Said Jacob Russell his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns shall and will well and truly pay the aforesaid yearly sums of Rent at the several times when the same Shall become payable as aforesaid and will also pay and Discharge all taxes, Rate and assessments whatsoever which shall be levied assessed or charged upon the Said demised premises or any part thereof during Sd. Term and will use and Improve Said Demised Premises in a proper and reasonable manner, keep the same in good state and repair and at the Expiration of Said Term will deliver peaceable possession thereof to the Said District without strip or waste.— In witness whereof the Said District by Capt David Porter Joseph Whiton, Jedediah Crocker, a Committee hereunto duly appointed and authorized by Law and the Said Jacob Russell in his own proper person hereunto set their Signatures and Seals the day and year above written

David Porter, Joseph Whiton — Committee of the Hopland School District (L. S.)

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of us John Freese Jr

Jacob Russell (L. S.)

Note the words "Containing by Estimation five Acres" was Interlined before Signing.
John Winegar

‡ The part preceding the ‡, written by Joseph Whiton; the part after, written by John Freese, Jr.

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Job Hamlin Lease

[Drawn by Joseph Whiton.]

This Indenture of Lease, in two parts, made This sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord one Thousand and Eight hundred, Between ye Hopland School District, in the Town of Lee in the County of Berkshire of the one part, and Job Hamlin of Lee aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth. — That the said District † in Consideration of the Rents and Covenants hereinafter mentioned, hath Demised granted and to farm Lett and by these presents doth Demise, grant and to farm let, to the said Job Hamlin one certain tract of Land Described as follows (viz) Lying in said Hopland School District and is part of Lot No Two in the fourth Division beginning at ye North West Corner of said Lot thence South five Degrees West Thirty one and an half Rods thence East Forty two Rods — Thence East fifteen Degrees South four Rods — Thence North fifteen Degrees East Thirty Two Rods To a Stake — Thence West five Degrees North fifty Two and an half Rods to the bounds begun at, Containing by estimation Six Acres and sixty Square Rods Being School Land lying within and belonging to said District.— To have and to hold the same, with the Appurtenances thereof to him the said Job Hamlin his Heirs executors Administrators and Assigns, for and During the Term of Nine hundred Eighty and Two Years, Yielding and paying therefor to the said District the yearly sum of Three Dollars Thirty Eight Cents and four Mills to be paid Annually, on the aforesaid sixth day of November, in each and every year during said Term the payment to be made to the Committee of the District for the Time being, and if the aforesaid yearly Rent of Three Dollars Thirty Eight Cents & four Mills–or any part thereof shall be in arrear and unpaid for the space of Three Kelendar Months, exclusive, from the day when the same shall Become payable as aforesaid it shall be Lawful for the said District by their Committee for the time being into the above Demised premises or any parcell thereof in the name of the whole to re-enter and the same Demised premises and every part and parcell thereof to repossess have and enjoy in the same right title and estate as the said District had therein before and until the Execution of this Lease and the said Job Hamlin his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns to expel and exclude therefrom any thing hereinbefore to the Contrary notwithstanding. But if, at any time, hereafter during said term the said Job Hamlin his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns shall well and truly pay unto ye Committee of the said District for the time being the sum, of which the yearly rent aforesaid is the Lawful Interest, together with the Rents, which may remain unpaid at the time of the payment of ye Sum Last aforesaid then the yearly rent aforesaid shall cease and be extinguished, and be considered as wholly paid, during the remainder of said Term. And the said Job

† The word "District," interlined.

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Hamlin for himself his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, Covenants with the said District, that he the said Job Hamlin his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns shall and will well and Truly pay the aforesaid yearly Sums of Rent at the several times, when the same shall become payable, as aforesaid; and will also pay & Discharge all Taxes, Rates and Assessments whatever, which shall be levied, assessed or Charged upon the said Demised premises, or any part thereof during said Term, and will use and improve said Demised premises in a proper and reasonable Manner, keep the same in good† State and Repair and at the expiration of said Term will Deliver peaceable possession thereof to the said District, without strip or waste. In witness whereof the said District by David Porter, Joseph Whiton, and Jedediah Crocker a Committee thereto duly appointed & Authorized by Law and the said Job Hamlin in his own person hereto Set their Signatures and Seals the day & year above written

Signed Sealed & Delivered [in] presence of — David Porter, Joseph Whiton, Jedediah Crocker (L. S.)

Note the Words "District" & "Good" were interlined before Signing —

Christopher Hurlburt — Job hamblin (L. S.)

John Moshier

† The word "good," interlined.

[David Hamblin's lease,—drawn by Joseph Whiton.]

This Indenture of Lease, in two parts made this sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord one Thousand and Eight hundred, Between the Hopland School District in the Town of Lee in the County of Berkshire of the one part, and David Hamlin of Lee aforesaid of the other part witnesseth.—That the said District in Consideration of the Rents and Covenants hereinafter mentioned, hath Demised Granted and to farm let, and by these presents doth Demise grant and to farm Let, to the said David Hamlin one Certain tract of Land Described as follows (viz) Lying in said Hopland School District and is part of Lot No Two in the fourth Division beginning at the South west Corner of said Lot —— Thence north five Degrees East fifty five rods to the South Line of the highway Thence East forty Two rods. Thence East fifteen Degrees South Twenty four and an half rods Thence South five Degrees West forty one rods to a Stake Thence west Twenty Seven Degrees South Twenty Rods Thence West five Degrees North forty Nine and an half rods to the first mentioned Bounds Containing by Estimation Nineteen Acres and seventy Square rods be the same more or less. Being School Land lying within and belonging to said District. — To have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances thereof to him the said David Hamlin his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns, for and During the Term of Nine hundred Eighty and Two Years, Yielding and paying therefor to the said District the yearly Sum of Ten Dollars ——— to be paid anually, on the aforesaid sixth day of November, in each and every year during said

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Term the payment to be made to the Committee of the District for the time being, and if the aforesaid Yearly Rent of Ten Dollars ——— or any part thereof shall be in arrear and unpaid for the space of three Kellendar Months, exclusive, from the Day when the same shall become payable as aforesaid it shall be Lawful for the said District by their Committee for the Time being into the above Demised premises or any parcell thereof in the Name of the whole to re-enter and the same Demised premises and every part and parcell thereof to repossess have and injoy in the same right Title and Estate as the said District had therein Before and until the Execution of this Lease and the Said David Hamlin his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns to expel & exclude therefrom any thing hereinbefore to the Contrary Notwithstanding. — But if, at any time hereafter During said Term the said David Hamlin his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns shall well and Truly pay unto the Committee of the said District for the time being the sum, of which the yearly rent aforesaid in the Lawful Interest together with the Rents which may remain unpaid at the time of the payment of the sum last aforesaid then the yearly rent aforesaid shall Cease and be extinguished and be Considsidered as wholly paid, during the remainder of sd Term. And the said David Hamlin for himself his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns shall and will well and truly pay the aforesaid yearly sums of Rent at the several times when the same shall become payable, as aforesaid; and will also pay and Discharge all Taxes, Rates and Assessments whatever, which shall Be levied, Assessed or Charged upon the said Demised premises, or any part thereof during said term, and will use and improve said Demised premises in a proper and reasonable manner, keep the same in Good State and Repair and at the expiration of said Term will Deliver peacable possession thereof to the said District without strip or waste.— In witness whereof the said District by David Porter, Joseph Whiton, & Jedediah Crocker a Committee thereto Duly appointed and Authorized by Law and the said David Hamlin in his own person hereto set their Signatures and Seals the Day and year above written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of
Christopher Hurlburt
John Moshier

David Porter)
Joseph Whiton) (L. S.)
Jedediah Crocker)

David Hamblin (L. S.)

Recd (Lee 20th Sep. 1799.) of Joseph Whiton one of the Hopland School District's Committee Fifteen Dollars in full for Teaching School one Month & an half in sd District in Months of February and March Last

Moses Rice

Recd (Lee Decr 12—1800) of Joseph Whiton Eleven Dollars & Twenty five Cents in full for Teaching School in the District near the Forge in sd Lee for the Term of one Month Two & ½ days Recd by me

Zephaniah Edwards. —

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Congregational Church Records.

An account of Church matters.

Lee May, 25 AD. 1780:

The Professors of religion in the town of Lee met and formed themselves into a Church, The Revd Mr Daniel Collins of Lansborough being present at their request to assist in forming them:

The Church being then formed made choice of Mr Wilm Ingersoll for their Moderator: after which they made choice of Mr Wilm Ingersol, Mr Jesse Bradly and Mr Prince West as a Committee to sign Letters missive to the Churches in Sheffield, Egremont, Stockbridge, Lenox, Pittsfield, Lansborough, and Williamstown to request their assistance by Pastors and Delegates in the Ordination of Mr Abraham Fowler to the work of the Ministry and pastoral charge of the Church to be on June 8, AD. 1780. On the 6 day of July, Sarah the wife of Levi Nye, Phebe the Wife of Thomas Beecher, Tabitha the wife of Peter Willcocks, Eunice the Wife of Moses Ingersoll, Lydia the Wife of Aaron Ingersoll and David Ingersoll were all received as members of full Communion with this Church: The same day Truman son to James Penoyer was baptized.

December 3. Hopestill son to Thomas Beecher was baptized.

December 17. James Penoyer, Daniel Church, and Hannah his wife were received into full Communion with this Church.

December 31. Lois the Wife of Joseph Handy and Elizebeth the Wife of Seth Barlow were received into full Communion with this Church.

Jan. 17. AD. 1781. Heman and Amey Children to Prince West, and Elenor, Anna, Luther, and John-Calvin Children to Moses Ingersoll were baptized.

Jan. 28. Levi Nye, and Hannah the Wife of Hope Davis were received into full Communion with this Church.

Febry 25. John Crosby, and Martha his Wife, Elizebeth Chadwick, and Thankfull the Wife of John Goodspeed were received into full Communion with this Church.

April 22. AD. 1781. Electa Daughter to Peter Willcocks and Benjamin Son to James Young were baptized.

June 23. AD. 1782. Abigail Wife to Elisha Goodspeed was received into full Communion with this Church, and she and hir Daughter thankfull were baptized.

August the 4. Josiah Bartholomew, Desire Wife of Abiathar Chadwick, and Moriah Backus were received into full Communion with this Church: Moriah Backus, Billy and Betcy Children to Moses Ingersoll, and Daniel Son to Nathan Ball were baptized the same day.

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These are the accounts recorded of the Church by Mr Wilm Ingersoll while Moderator of the Church.

July 3. AD. 1783. Mr Elisha Parmele was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry and pastoral charge of this Church.

The members of this Church and their children that are baptized are these that follow.

Josiah Bartholomew Phebe his Wife.

Their Children.
Oliver Bartholomew
Phebe Bartholomew
Jesse Bartholomew

Hope Davis Hannah Davis.

Willm Ingersoll Lydia Ingersoll

their Children
Moses Ingersoll
Aaron Ingersoll
Barsheba Ingersoll
Jared Ingersoll
David Ingersoll
Willm Ingersoll
Lucinda Ingersoll
Elijah Ingersoll
Calvin Ingersoll
Betcy Ingersoll

Jesse Bradley Mary Bradley. †

Their Children.
Jared Bradley
Eli Bradley
Jesse Bradley
Mamry Bradley
Joseph Bradley
William Bradley
Lemi Bradley
Lydia Bradley
Daniel Bradley

Oliver West Thankful West

Their Children
Amy West
Caleb West
Amasa West
Anna West
Sarah West
Joshua West
Oliver West

Lemuel Hatch Temperance Hatch

Their Children
Oliver Hatch
Timothy Hatch
Joseph Hatch
Lemuel Hatch
Ebenezer Hatch
Tempe Hatch
Jonathan Hatch

Prince West

his Children
Barsheba-West
Hannah-West
John West
Silvanus West
Christopher West
Heman West
Amey West
Philo West

Joseph Totman

his Children
Sarah Totman
Elizebeth Totman
Mary Totman
Benjamin Totman

Nathan Ball S Ruhannah Ball †

Their Children
Nathan Ball
Lydia Ball
Mary Ball
Sarah Ball
Elizebeth Ball
Martha Ball
John Ball
Anna Ball
James Ball
Samuel Ball
Cesar.

† See p.373.

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John Crosby Martha Crosby

Their Children
John Crosby
Abijah Crosby
Hannah Crosby
Thomas Crosby
Abner Crosby
Elizebeth Crosby

Lemuel Crocker Sarah Crocker

their Children
Samuel Crocker

Levi Nye Sarah Nye

their Children
Joshua Nye
Benjamin Nye
Mary Nye
Rachel Nye
Thomas Nye
Levi Nye
Sarah Nye

James Penoyer Sarah Penoyer

their Children
David-lovel Penoyer
Reuben Penoyer
Jacob Penoyer
truman Penoyer
Zina Penoyer

Daniel Church Hannah Church

Their Children
Rachel Church
Levi Church
Eli Church
Daniel Church

Phinehas Fish Marcy Fish

Their Children
Joseph Fish — born Decr 20, 1767.
Job Fish — born Decr 2, 1769.
Phinehas Fish- born July 9, 1771.
Samuel Fish — born Sepr 9, 1773.
Elizebeth Fish- born Novr 1, 1776.
Bethia Fish — born Aprl 5, 1779.
Susannah Fish- born Febr 17, 1781.
Thankful Fish- born Febr 11, 1783.

David Kellogg Elenor Kellogg

their Children
baptized in the half way
Lydia Kellogg
Rhoda Kellogg
Russell Kellogg
Adosha Kellogg
David Kellogg
Welthy Kellogg
Hannah Kellogg
Ira Kellogg
Otis Kellogg

David Ingersoll Sarah Ingersoll

Children
Erastus Ingersoll

James Youngs Hannah youngs

their Children
James Youngs
Rebekah Youngs
Hannah Youngs
Lydia Youngs
Elizebeth Youngs
Benjamin Youngs
David Youngs
Anna Youngs

Thomas Ewer Mary Ewer

their Children
Thomas Ewer
Ebenezer Ewer
Ansel Ewer
Lydia Ewer
Seth Ewer
Elisha Ewer

Sarah Foot Wife of Jonathan Foot

Caty Perry Wife of Arthur Perry.

her Children
Ruth Perry
Cloe Perry
Mary Perry
Johannah Perry
Abraham Perry
Abigail Perry

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Elizebeth Winegar Wife of John Winegar. her Children
Catharinah Winegar
Samuel Winegar
Zachariah Winegar
Jacob Winegar
Huldah Winegar
Elizebeth Winegar
John Winegar
Jesse Winegar
David Winegar
Stephen Winegar

Elizebeth Chadwick
her Children
Rose Chadwick
Abiathar Chadwick
Archelus Chadwick
Samuel Chadwick

HannahCollins Wife of OliverCollins.
her Children
Elisha Collins
Archebal Collins
Oliver Collins
Avis Collins
Elias Collins
John Collins
Isaac Collins

Tryphena Marsh Wife of Reuben Marsh. her Children
Judith Marsh

Tabitha Willcocks Wife of Peter Willcocks. her Children
Mary Davis
Thomas Davis
Anna Davis
Rowland Davis
Epraim Davis
Timothy Davis
Phebe Willcocks
Electe Willcocks

Desire Chadwick Wife of Abiathar Chadwick. her Children
Fear Chadwick
Heman Chadwick
Joseph Chadwick

Thankfull Goodspeed Wife of John Goodspeed. her Children
Obed Goodspeed

Eunice Ingersoll Wife of Moses Ingersoll. her Children
Elenor Ingersoll
Anna Ingersoll
Luther Ingersoll
John-Calvin Ingersoll
Billy Ingersoll
Betcy Ingersoll

Moriah Backus
her Children
Hannah Backus
Sarah Backus
Nathaniel Backus
Anson Backus
Benjamin Backus

Sarah Chadwick Wife of Archelus Chadwick. her Children
Thomas Chadwick
Jabez Chadwick
Elizebeth Chadwick
John Chadwick

Lydia Ingersoll Wife of Aaron Ingersoll. her Children
Jonathan Ingersoll
Stephen Ingersoll

Deliverance Foot Wife of Jonathan Foot. her Children
Elisha Foot
Alvin Foot
Jerusha Foot

Thankfull Dimmuck Wife of Sylvanus Dimmuck. her Children
Hannah Dimmuck

Lydia Gifford Wife of Thomas Gifford her children
Abigail Gifford
Isaac Gifford
Huldah Gifford
Sarah Gifford
Cornelius Gifford

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Catherina Winegar

Naomi Goodspeed Wife of David Goodspeed. her children
Naomi Goodspeed
Antony Goodspeed

Mary Hatch Wife of Wate Hatch
her children
Rebekkah Hatch
Lewes Hatch
Priscilla Hatch
Edward Hatch

Elizebeth West the Wife of Daniel West. her Children
Elizebeth West
Saviah West
Thomas-Tracy West
Daniel West
Lucy West.

Experience Coffey Wife of John Coffey her children
Mary Coffey
Betcy Coffey
Rachel Coffey
Crecia Coffey

Phebe the Wife of Thomas Beecher
her Children
Hopestill Beecher
Submit Beecher

Seth & Amy Nye
their Children
Elisha Nye

Lois Handy Wife of Joseph Handy
their Children
Joseph Handy
Nathaniel Handy
Seth Handy

Aaron Benedic
Children
Clarissa Benedic
Stephen-Thomas Benedic

Mary the Wife of Elisha Grant
Their Children
Elisha Grant
Ruth Grant
Prudence Grant
Jared Grant

Elizebeth Wife [of] Seth Barlow
her Children
Samuel Barlow
Nathan Barlow

Lydia the Wife of Stephen Toby

Jerusha Standly

Olliver Hatch & Rebekah Hatch
Their Children.

Thomas Crocker Mercy Crocker.

[Several pages in the original, are blank after the above list, on which evidently, it was designed that the names of persons taken into the church from time to time should be entered. The list, however, remains as left by the first clerk; the clerks following him, making no additions to it.]

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Lee July 18, 1783. The Church agreed to choose two Deacons: and chose Mr David ingersoll Choirester.

July 13. Thankful Fish daughter of Phinehas and Marcy Fish was baptized.

July 20, Hannah Backus, Sarah Backus, Nathaniel Backus, Anson Backus, Benjamin Backus, Children of Moriah Backus: John Chadwick Son of Archelas and Sarah Chadwick: and fear Chadwick, Heman Chadwick, and Joseph Chadwick, Children of Abiathar and Desire Chadwick were all baptized.

July 24, Mary the Wife of Thomas Yure, and Amy the Wife of Seth Nye were examined by this Church: and propounded with a view to join this Church in full communion on the 26, of July.

July 27, Crecia daughter of John and Experience Coffey was baptized.

August 3, Otis the son of David and Elenor Cellogg, Samuel the son of Lemuel and Sarah Crocker, and Elizebeth, Saviah, Thomas-Tracy, Daniel, and Lucy the Children of Daniel and Elizebeth West, were all baptised.

August 10. Mary the Wife of Thomas Ewer and Amey the Wife of Seth Nye were both received into full communion with this Church: and Mrs Ewer was baptized the same time being not certain that she was baptized in her infancy.

August 29, The Church met and passed the following votes:

1. That no complaint shall be brought before the Church of any member except by the desire of one or two members exclusive of the offended Brother.

2. That no member of another Church shall be allowed to pertake of the Lords supper occationally more than nine months from the time of his becoming an Inhabitant of the Town unless circumstances shall be such as the Church shall judge it proper to vary from this term of time, making the time of Ordination that from which they begin to reckon.

3. That at all Church meetings any Brother being absent or not being there by the time appointed shall be deemed censurable unless he has such reasons as shall by the Church be judged sufficient for his excuse.

August 31. Elisha son of Seth and Amy Nye was baptised.

September 4. The Church chose Mr Oliver West and Mr Jesse Bradley to the Office of Deaconship.

Septr 7. Samuel son of Nathan and S. Ruhamah Ball was baptised.

Septr 21. Lydia Wife of William Ingersoll, Phebe the Wife of Josiah Bartholomew, Aaron Benedic, Mary Wife of Elisha Grant, Lydia Wife of Stephen Toby, and Jerusha Standly were received into full communion with this Church: and Mrs Toby with Thomas, Ebenezer, Ansel, Lydia, Seth and Elisha Children of Thomas and Mary Ewer, were all baptized.

September 28. Nathan son of Seth and Elizabeth Barlow was baptised.

October 5. Clarissa and Stephen-Thomas children of Aaron Benedic were baptised.

October 12. Elisha, Ruth, Prudence, Jared Children of Elisha and Mary

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Grant were baptized.

November 2. Olliver Hatch and Rebekah his Wife were received into full Communion with this Church.

November 23. Thomas Crocker and Marcy his Wife and also Sarah the Wife of David Ingersoll were received into full communion with this Church.

January 15, AD. 1784. Daniel son of Daniel and Hannah Church was baptized, being sick and not likely to live he was baptized at his Fathers house.

Jan. 18. Stephen son of John and Elizebethe Winegar was baptized.

February 6. The Church met and passed the following Votes:

1. That when any matter is to be decided by the Church, no Person exclusive of the Church shall be present while they are deciding the matter

2. That it is their opinion, that there is an absolute and certain connexion between the faithfulness of believing Parents in training up their children and the Salvation of the Children thus trained up:

That this their opinion arises from their supposing that this connexion is graciously made in the Covanent of Grace.

[The preceding church records are entirely in the same hand; who the writer was has not been ascertained. The matter following next and the minutes of the trial are supposed to be in Deacon Jesse Bradley's writing.]

May 13. The Church met and passed the following Vote: viz Takeing into consideration the circumstances of Mr Parmele as to his low and declineing state of health ——

Voted that we are willing he should take a journey to Virginia with a view to recover health.

May ye 18. At a church meetting; after consulting with Mr Parmele and takeing into view his state of health and his desire to journey into the southern states—We do mutually agree and vote that he shall be at liberty to settle amongst any people (should he ever recover such a measure of health as to be able): likewise we on our part are at liberty to call and settle a nother Minister.

At a meeting of the Church of Lee met to attend to a complaint brought by Mr Hope Davis Brother of Sd Church against Maria Backus Now †Maria Porter accuseing her of a breach of Covenant by uniteing in marriage to a person of an openly wicked & immoral charecter —— ——

1 Voted the Revd Mr Munson Moderator of Sd meeting ——

2 Opend the meeting by prayer —— —— ——

Motioned that the evidences Should be under the Solemnity of an Oath

3 Voted in the affirmative — —— —

Then proseed,d to attend to evidences—after being Sworn ——

John Nye Sais, That Mr Porter when he lived at his house used impropper Language viz—I sware Such as was not propper to be used in a family for which he often reproved him ——

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Lois Nye Sais that She often heard Mr Porter Say Damn-it Devil I sware —— ——

James Tuttle Sais that Mr Porter in a despute with one Dowe used very impropper language got very high & was reproved by two Strangers for his bad conduct & useing bad language —

Thankful West Says at a Serting evening She was at Mr Hamblins tavern by the Furnace & Mr Porter got into a despute with one Mungomery he got very high doubled his fist—tried to fight for which conduct Mr Hamblin turnd him out of doors — She heard him use bad lan[gua]ge the expression God damn, it—She Sais She told Mr[s] Backus of it before She united in marriage with Porter & advised her not to marry him ——

Ebenezer West Sais Mr Porter commonly used bad language: at a Serting time heard him use the expression God damn, it—I sware— Devil & other words not propper to be used; & he had often reproved him — he further Sais he has Seen him raised with Liquor —

Mehitebel West Sais that at their house Mr Porter used bad langu[a ;ge not propper to be used in a family for which She reproved him ——

Job Hamblin Sais that by the Widow Backus,s he heard Mr Porter use bad Language ——

Hannah Backus Sais, at a Serting time Mr Porter came to Mis Backus,s now Mis Porter & he Spewd on the flore & She asked him what was the matter - He told her that he was Sick—She told him that She thought he was in liquor— He Said I sware I never was So drunk in my life — Mis Backus came home Soon & enquired what aild the flore (it being wet) her little daughter told her that Mr Porter had been vomiting—She enquired what was the matter with him. Hannah Sais She told her She thought he was in liquor for he Smelt of Rum ——

Susannah Strong Sais that She was one night at the Widow Backus,s & Mr Porter came there in a great rage haveing had a quarrel with Mr Goodwin—& used Some bad language in the presence of the Widow before marriage —— ——

Hannah Strong Sais She had heard Mr [Porter] use bad language ——

Adjournd Sd Meeting by the consent of both parties for one hour & a half —— ——

Met according to adjournment & proseede to attend to further evidence

Mr [?] Porter brings an evidence against Hannah Backus,es ——

Miss Pratt Sais She heard Hannah Backus Say that She never Said that Mr Porter was drunk ——

Rebekah Dillingham Sais on Lection day night Mr Porter was at their house acted as though he was in Liquor he clipt his words—Talked very loud & quarreld with one Avery — ——

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Doct. Thomson Sais last March when Mr Porter was tending the Small Pox at Mr Dimucks he heard him use vile & prophane language & on Lection day night at Mr Dillinghams— He quarreld with one Avery — tried to fight—used bad language & appeared to be in Liquor ——

Sylvenus Dimuck Sais that last March when Mr Porter was tending the Small pox at his house one day when gitting in a lorg in to the house & hurt his finger he Said God damn it, to hell ———

Ely Bradley gives evidence to the Same ———

David Stephens Sais that on Lection day night Mr Porter quarrelld with one Avery—endeavored to fight—used impropper language ——

Mr Holmns Sais he heard Mr Porter Say Damn him—I hope he is dead—refering to his Collier—he Sais it is common for him to use bad Language & thinks he has Seen him in Liquor ———

Hope Davis & Nathan Ball Say they both visited the Widow Backus before marriage & told her that it was reported that Mr Porter was an immoral man & told her where She might obtain the truth of the report – & they further Say that they intreated her to put off uniteing in marriage untill She might understand the truth of the asertion — —

Mr Ball & Mr Pernoyer Say that they both visited Mis Backus–the next day after it was made publick that Mis Backus was determin d to unite in marriage with Mr Porter—& they told her that if She proseeded She would brake her covenant engagements with the Church & intreated her not to proseede but delay the matter — ——

Motioned whether there has been Sufficient evidence produced to prove the crime alledged in the complaint

4 Voted in the affirmative ———

Motioned whether Mis Porter had Sufficient opportunity to obtain a knowledge of Mr Porters character previous to uniteing with him in Marriage

5 Voted in the affirmative —— ———

Motioned whether the crime alledged in the complaint & Supported by evidence ought to be prosecuted (or whether it is a matter of discipline according to the 18 of Math — ——

6 Voted in the affirmative —— ——

Motioned whether the present meeting Shall be dissolved ———

7 Voted in the affirmative ————————

[Here the Records commence in a different hand, supposed to be Deacon Oliver West's. Except when otherwise noted, the remainder of the 1st book is in this hand. The first entry below is not the next in order in the original, but is from a page containing only this item, which is here inserted, as it plainly refers to the above case. The year, as the year of the trial, is uncertain. Perhaps this vote was passed the same time action was taken regarding Mr. Parmele, May 13, 1784.]

May ye 13th the Church met and voted that it is a Breach of covenant for a member to marry to one that lives an openly Wicked life

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Lee August ye 8th 1784 Mr Monson Preachd and Adminnestred the Sacrament here Seth Nye was Receved into ful communion with this Church and was baptized Ezekiel Son of Prince and Hannah West Salle daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth west and Esther and David Children of Elisha and Mary Grant and Remembrance Celah and Stephen Children of Stephen and Lidia Toby ware all baptized

December ye 5th Mr Monson Adminnestred the Sacrament and Baptized of Thomas and Phebe Beacher and Mary daughter of Abiather [and] Desire Chadwick and John Son of Achelus and Sarah Chadwick ——

January the 9th 1785 Mr West Adminnestred the Sacrament Jesse Gifford and Ruth his Wife Samuel Davis and Priscilla his Wife Josiah Yale and Ruth his Wife Sarah the Wife of Roswel Hubbort Cornelus Basset, and Archelus Chadwick all were recvd into the Church and Jesse Gifford and Samuel Davis Mary and Hopestil Children of Samuel and Priscilla Davis all were baptized.

August the 14th 1785 Mr Kirkland Preached here and baptized Isaac Son of Nathan and Ruhamah Ball and Lucina daughter of Aaron Benedic and Eli Son of Oliver Hatch and Elisha and John Sons of Cornelius Basset

Lee September 3d the Church Voted upon the Request of Maria Porter to invite the church of Christ in Becket the church of Christ in Washington the church of Christ in Lainsborough the church of Christ in Richmont the church of Christ in Eggremont the church of Christ in Olford by their Pasters and deligates to meet att Lee the Seccond wensday of october next to attend to a difaculty Subsisting between the church and the Sd Maria Porter —— ——— ——

Att a meeting of the Church the 29th of April 1786

after many meetings before and great attention to oneasunesses with Deacon Jese Bradley the Church Voted to in vite the Church of Christ in Stockbridge the Church of Christ in Lenox and the Church of Christ in Pitsfield by their Pasters and Delegates to meet att Lee on wensday the 12 of april and attend to all matters of difaculty and disagreement between the Church and Deacon Bradley and give their advice in the matter

April the 6 the Church Chose Cpt Josiah Yale Aaron Benedick Leut Daniel church a committy to make provision for the above named council and proportion the cost on the church

Lee June ye 25th 1786 Mr Monson preachd here and Baptized Theodor Son of David and Sarah Ingersol and Elisha Parmale Son of Samuel and Prissilla Davis

September the 17th 1786 Mr Perry Preached here and administred the Sacrament and Baptized Electa daughter of John and Elizebath Winegar and Lidia daughter of Stephen and Lidia Toby, and Ira Son of Daniel and Elizabeth West Thankful daughter of Elisha and Mary Grant and Sirus Son of Josiah and Ruth Yale Archelus Son of Abiather and Desire Chad-

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wick Daniel Lewes Son of oliver and Rebekah Hatch and Samuel Son of Archelus and Sarah chadwick, and Elizabeth Wife of Cornelius Gifford and Eunice Wife of Ebenezar Brown were taken into the church

Sabathday june the 10th 1787 Mr Camp Preachd here and Baptized Prince Son of Prince and Hannah West and David Son of Cornelus Basset and Lucy daughter of John and Lucy Williams was given up by Jerusha Standly and Thomas and Mary Ewer

April 6th 1788 Mr Averry preachd here and Baptized Lucreace daughter of David and Sarah Ingersol

April the 20th Mr Bell baptized Caleb Son of Seth and Amy Nye

May the 4th Mr Steevens Baptized Hannah daughter of Danniel and Ann Church and Jonathan Son of Jonathan and Deliverance Foot

May ye 1 1788 the Church met and attended to a complaint brought against Deacon Bradley by Nathan Ball a brother of the Church accusing him of deviating from the Rules of the Go[s]pel and his one Covenant ingagements by imbracing heresy and upon the Request of Deacon jese Bradly the church voted to give him some time to attend to the matter and the Meeting was desolved

att a meeting of the church in Lee the 22 of may 1788

1 Voted the Revd Mr West Moderator of Sd Meting

the Meeting was opened by prayer

Motioned Whither it be the opinion of the Brethren of this Church that to ascert it to be a doctrine of the holy Scriptures that all mankind will be finally Savd and happy is heresy ——

2 Voted in the affirmative

Motioned whither it [be] the opinion of the brethren of this church that Deacon Jesse Bradley as he acknowleges the before mentioned to be his sentiment is herein guilty of heresy—Voted in the affirmative ——

Sabathday June ye 1—1788 Mr West preached att Lee and baptized Elisebeth daughter of Daniel and Elizebeth West.

Lee June 26th 1788 the church met and 1 Voted the Revd Mr Stephen West moderator of Sd meeting the meeting was opened by prayer

being made manefest to this church that Jesse Bradley a member and a Deacon of this church is guilty of heresy in denying the Eternity of the punishment of any of the human race and all those measures which Christ has directed to be made use of in such cases in order to convince of his error and reclaim him having been taken without any effect Whither it be the minds of the brethren of this church that he be excluded their communion: Pased unanimusly in the affirmative

Sabathday August the 24 Mr West Preached here and baptized Nathaniel Son of Stephen [and] Lydia Toby

February the 22 1789 Mr Sanford preached here and baptized Ezra Son of James and Hannah Youngs and Sarah Daughter of Archelus and Sarah Chadwick

Lee March the 16th 1789 the church met and voted unanimusly to de-

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sire Mr William Fowler Miller to take the Pastoral Care and Charg of this Church Provided the Town will unite in Supporting him

June the 20th 1790 Mr Monson Preached hear and administred the Sacrament and John Son of Josiah Yale and Moses Son [of] David and Sarah Ingersol and Thankfull Daughter of Seth and Amy Nye all were Baptized

June 20th 1790 contribution money 1, 1, 4 †

July the 29 the Church met and voted to Desire Hope Davis Nathan Ball & Prince West to go and Converse With Mrs Bradley and inquire the Reason of her not attending our meeting and also to Converse with Mr Penoy[e]r respecting his Ideas of all mankinds being finaly happy

Angust the 1 Mr Avery Preachd here and Eleaser Son of Thomas Ewer Aaron & Desire children of Aaron Bennedick and Lemuel & David children of Oliver Hatch all were baptized

September 27th 1790 the Church met and attended to Objections of the people in town against their Covenent articles of Church Disaplining: after much time Spent in Conversing and great attention paid to the matter, tho. the Church have no Objection themselves to their Covenant but Consider it founded upon and agreeable to the Bible, yet if that will Satisfy the objectors the Church think best to give up or lay by their Covenant and take the Bible alone for ther rule of goverment

october the first day Mr Avery preached a lecter here and baptized of Samuel and Prissilla Davis

October 22 the Church met and voted to give up or lay by their Covenant articles of Church goverment and take the word of God the old and new testament for their only rule of goverment and Disaplineing

2 voted that grace is a nesasary qualification for Communion

3 voted that if any person desires to join with this Church they Shall Come before the church att a meeting of the church and give them opertunity to examin and Satisfy the Selves respecting their qualifications for admitance

September the 18th 1791 Mr Shaw Preached here and Baptized Pamela daughter of Thomas and Phebe Beacher Orson Son of Daniel and Elisebeth West and Eunes Daughter [of] Elisha [and] Mary Grant and John son of Jona[t]han [and] Deliverence Foot and September 25 he baptized anna daughter of Daniel and anna Church and Elizabeth daughter of Thomas and Mary Ewer and Alvin Son of James and Hannah youngs

Novr 20th Mr Monson Preached in this town, & baptized Charlotte, daughter of Lucy Bullard.

[This last item above, is in the Rev. Alvan Hyde's writing.]

Febrnary 23d 1792 the Church met and voted unanimusly to give Mr Alvin Hide a call to take the Pasteral Care and Charge of the Church

† This item is entered on the first page of the Records, separately from any other matter.

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April 19 the Church met to attend to a complaint brought against James Penoyer voted to receive the complain[t] and act upon it and then ajourned the meeting

April 26 met and past the following votes first q[u]estion Whether it be the opinion of the brethren of this Church to assert it is doubtful whether it be a doctrin of the holy Scriptures that a part of mankind will be lost forever is heresy

Voted in the affirmative

2 w[h]ether it be the opinion of this Church that James Penoyer as he Says & acknowledgs that it is doubtful whither a part of mankind will [be] lost forever is herein guilty of heresy

Voted in the affirmative

3 whether it be the mind of this Church that James Penoyer Since he is guilty of heresy in doubting whether a part of mankind will be Lost forever Should be rejected & cast out from this Church

Voted in the affirmative

whether it be the minds of this Church that excommunicated persons Should be so far neglected by them as to refuse to eat with them at common tables or Shake hands with them or to keep any unnessary company with them & that this be recorded as an article by this church

Voted in the affirmative

Sabathday may 6 Mr Avery preached here & adminnestered the Sacrament and baptized Abraham Phebe Thomas Lidia & Abigail Children of jese and Ruth Gifford and Asel Son of Stephen and Lydia Toby and Soffe Daughter of David and Sarah Ingersol and betsy Daughter of Seth & Amy Nye and Ruth Daughter of Archelus and Elizebeth Chadwick

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At an ecclesiastical Counsel conveined at Lee pursuant to Letters mismive received from the Church of Christ in said Town, requesting our assistance in setting apart Mr Elisha Parmele to the pastoral Office over them on the Day 3rd of June AD 1783. Present

Elders Rev. Messrs ——	Delegates
Stephen West, Stockbridge	Elijah Brown Esq
Daniel Collins, Lanesborough	Samuel Durham
Thomas Allen, Pittsfield	Josiah Bright — —
Samuel Munson, Lenox.	John Stoughton
Eliphalet Steel, Egremont	Eberer Olds —— — —
Zadock Hurn, † Becket	Isaiah Kingsley
Joseph Avery, Alford.	Robert Johnson — —
Seth Swift Wnt ‡	Benjamin Skinner

Docke West was chosen Moderator and Mr. Collins Scribe, the Counsel was opened by prayer seeking to God for Counsel and direction in the important Matters to be laid before them. ——

† Hunn.
‡ Williamstown.

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The Counsel then gave a full and candid hearing to a paper laid before them signed by 21 of the inhabitants of the town, containing a request that the Counsel would not proceed to ordain Mr Parmele to the work of the Gospel Ministry in this place, [in] which also their reasons against it were stated. — After which the Counsel proceeded to a strick and carefull Examination of the Candidate, and were unanimously agreed that he appeared to be a person duely qualified for the important Office of the Gosp Ministry and after carefully deliberating the Objections which were made against Mr Parmeles being set apart to the pastoral office amongst them the Council were of the Opinion that these Objections sentered in a Disapprobation of Mr Parmeles religious Sentiments, and that as his Sentiments were in their Judjement strictly founded on scripture so that they judjed these objections to be groundless; the Counsel wer[e] of opinion they ought to proceed to the Ordination of Mr Parmele and did accordingly set him apart by prayer and the true position of hands to the pastoral office over the Church and people in this Town.

Signed

Stephen West Modr.

Test Daniel Collins Scribe

Alvan Hyde Jun 2 Scribe

Note.—It may reasonably be supposed that the above account of the ordination of Mr Parmele was copied into the records about 25 years after the event, for Alvan Hyde, Jr. was born in 1794, and the writing has the characteristics of that of a boy in his early teens

The following church records are entirely by Dr. Hyde and contained in a separate book from the preceding.

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The Records of the Church of Christ in Lee.—

Result of the Council appointed for the ordination of Mr Alvan HyDE.

At an ecclesiastical Council at Lee on the 5th day of June, A. D. 1792 — in consequence of letters missive from the Church in that place in order to set apart Mr Alvan Hyde to the work of the gospel-ministry, & to commit to him the pastoral care of the church, & the administration of the gospel among that people.

—— —— Present —— ——

Elders.	Delegates from the Churches.
Rev. Stephen West of Stockbridge.	Erastus Sergeant Esqr —
Daniel Collins — Lanesborough.	Mr Eldad King.
Thomas Allen of Pittsfield.	Deacon John Partridge.
Ephraim Judson of Sheffield.	Deacon Aaron Foot.
Eliphalet Steele of Egremont.	Mr Bartholomew Heath.
Charles Backus of Somers.	Mr Charles Sheldon.
David Perry of Richmond.	Deacon James Gates.
Joseph Avery of Tyringham.	Deacon William Hale.
Samuel Nott of Franklin.	Deacon Joshua Willis.
Jacob Catlin New Marlborough.	Col. Daniel Taylor.

The council made choice of Mr West Moderator, & Mr Catlin Scribe — after which the council was opened by prayer by the Moderator.

It was then proposed to attend to the examination of Mr Hyde; & after a most careful examination of his knowledge in the doctrines of the holy scriptures, & of his experimental acquaintance with the religion of Jesus Christ; as also, of his other qualifications for the work of the gospel-ministry, the council voted unanimously that they approve of his qualifications, & proceed to the public solemnities of ordination.

The parts in the public solemnity were assigned to the Reverend Elders in the following manner — viz — Mr Nott to make the introductory prayer, Mr Backus to preach the sermon, Mr Collins to make the consecrating prayer, Mr West to give the charge, Mr Steele to give the right hand of fellowship, and Mr Avery to make the concluding prayer.

June 6th 1792. The council proceeded to a convenient stage erected for the purpose, & in presence of the church & congregation of Lee, & a respectable assembly, solemnly consecrated Mr Hyde to the sacred office of a minister of Christ, & committed to his charge the church of Christ in that place.

Jacob Catlin Scribe —— Stephen West, Moderator.

An account of the Votes passed by the chh. since June 6th 1792.

June 27th 1792. The church met & voted to have the Sacrament of the LorD's Supper administered the second Sabbath in July, & to be administered the second Sabbath of every other Month. ——

July 29th 1792. — Jesse Bradley and James Penoyer, who had been ex-

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cluded from the communion and fellowship of this church for their wickedly embracing, & obstinately continuing in, heresy, both publicly confessed their wickedness in so doing, & manifested repentance therefor; on which, the church voted to restore them both to their christian charity and watch. —— ——

September 7th 1792.—The church met and passed the following Votes.—

1 That the vote passed by the chh Augt 29th 1783, respecting occasional Communicants, should be recalled. ——

2. That no member of another Church shall be allowed to partake of the LorD's supper occasionally more than nine months from the time of his becoming an Inhabitant of the Town, unless circumstances shall be such as the chh shall judge it proper to vary from this term of time, — making June 6th 1792, the time of Mr Hyde's ordination, that from which they begin to reckon. ———

Sept 28th 1792. The church met & made choice of Mr Levi Nye to fill the office of a Deacon.

March 13th 1793. The church met and voted, that no confession exhibited by an offending brother, shall be read in public, until it has first been read to the church, & been attended to, & acted upon by them, at some church-meeting.

March 5th 1793. Aaron Benedict publicly confessed his wickedness in striking his wife, & asked ye forgiveness of ye church—on which the church voted to restore him to his former place in their charity & fellowship.

June 30th 1793. Daniel Santie publicly confessed his wickedness in deceiving Mr Jeremiah Wormer, & violating a covenant-engagement entered into with him, & asked the forgiveness of the church — on which the church voted to forgive him, & to restore him to their charity & fellowship.

July 14th 1793— Ebenezer Jenkins Junr publicly confessed his wickedness, in betraying the confidence which the Town put in him as a Collector of public Taxes, & in attempting to convert the property of the Town to his own use; on which the Church voted to restore him to their christian Charity & Fellowship. ——— ——

Augt 23d 1793—The church met & voted to give Mrs Zurviah Wells, & Mrs Anne Bradley, each of them a certificate expressive of their standing, & also to recommend them to the charity & fellowship of those churches, wherever GoD in his providence may call them;— which certificates shall be their dismissions from this church, whenever a door is opened for their union with any regular church.

October 18th 1793. — The church met and voted to give Mrs Sarah Dodge, & her daughter Hannah Dodge certificates expressive of their regular standing in the Church, & also to recommend them to the charity & fellowship of the Church of Christ in South-Granville; — which certificates shall be their dismissions from us, whenever a door is opened for

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their union with that, or any other regular Church.

October 27th 1793. — The church voted to give Mrs Lydia Ingersol a Letter expressive of her regular standing in this Church, & also to recommend her to the charity & fellowship of the church in Christ in Clinton; — which Letter shall be her dismission from us, whenever a door is opened for her union with that, or any other regular Church. ——

October 28th 1793 — The church voted to give Mr Prince West a Letter of recommendation to the Church of Christ in South-Granville; which Letter is to be his dismission from us, whenever he unites with that, or any other regular Church. —— —

November 17th 1793. — The church voted to give Mrs Eunice Fuller a Letter of recommendation to the Church of Christ in South-Granville; which Letter is to be her dismission from us, whenever she unites with that, or any other regular Church.

December 8th 1793. Josiah Crocker publicly confessed his wickedness in committing the sin of fornication; on which the church voted to restore him to their christian charity & fellowship.

Jan-y 19th 1794. — The church voted to give Mr Lewis Hatch a Letter of recommendation to the Church of Christ in South-Granville; which Letter is to be his dismission from us, whenever he unites with that, or any other regular Church. ——— ——

January 26th 1794. — The church voted to give Miss Abigail Barns a Letter of recommendation to the Church of Christ in Litchfield-South-Farms, which Letter is to be her dismission from us, whenever she unites with that, or any other regular church. —— ———

Feb-y 2d 1794. The church voted to give Mrs Elizabeth Crocker, & Miss Deborah Taylor certificates of their regular standing in this church & also to recommend them to the charity & fellowship of churches wherever they may be called, in God's providence. ———

March 6th 1794. — The church voted to give Mr Oliver Hatch, a recommendation to the church of Christ in South-Granville, which is to be his dismission from us, whenever he unites with that church.

March 20th 1794. The church voted to give Mrs Sarah Lee a certificate of her regular standing in this church, & also to recommend her to the charity & fellowship of those churches, wherever she may be called in providence.

March 23d 1794 — Jonathan Foot Junr publicly confessed his wickedness, in directing Mr Andrew West's boy to make a wrong representation of facts, & in neglecting Mr West's family, during his absence, who were under distressed, & embarrassed circumstances, & who had reason to expect aid & relief from him; on which the church voted to forgive him—

March 30th The church voted to give Mr Daniel Church, Senr, Mrs Sarah Tyler, & Molly Stanley, (now Molly Barns) certificates expressive of their regular standing in this church, & also to recommend them to the fellowship of the churches in the places to which they are gone. ——

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June 12th The church met, & attended to the case of Capt Jesse Bradley, who had previously requested a dismission from them, & a recommendation to the church of England, & who had withdrawn from communion, & really united with the Episcopal church at Lenox. The request & conduct of Capt Bradley being of such a nature, as made it difficult for the church to determine concerning duty, on their part, it was thought prudent to ask the advice of sister churches. Accordingly it was unanimously agreed, & voted, to call a council to consist of five churches, viz. the church of Christ in Lanesborough, the church of Christ in Richmond, the church of Christ in Pittsfield, the church of Christ in Stockbridge, & the church of Christ in Tyringham. —— ——

Voted also that the council should be requested to convene in this place on Wednesday the 25th day of June Instant. ——

Voted finally, that the particular questions which we would propose to the council for their opinion & advice to be the following — viz —

1. Whether it be consistent with the rules of the Gospel, for a church of the Edwardian principles respecting doctrines & discipline, to grant a dismission & recommendation to a member, who says, that he requests them with a view to unite with a church, with which they are not in fellowship?

2. Whether a church ought to look upon a brother, as walking irregularly, & as giving real occasion of offence, who leaves their communion, & unites himself with the church of England in another town, & with which they are not in fellowship?

June 25th 1794. — The council convened agreeably to appointment & attended to the questions, mentioned above, & were unanimous in answering them both in the negative. Vide Copy of this result on file. ——

July 3d The church met & voted to take the result of said Council into candid & serious consideration. —— ——

July 6th Mehitabel West, a sister of this Church, publicly confessed her wickedness, in conversing passionately & unadvisedly about Mr Jonathan Foot Junr her neighbor, & brother in the church, between whom there had been a difficulty of long standing; on which the church voted to forgive her. —— ——

Augt 15th The church voted to accept the result of the Council which met on the 25th day of June 1794 ——

October 29th The church met & voted, that a committee of three be appointed to see that Mr Hyde be supplied with wood, & that Messrs Nathan Ball, Edmund Hinckley & Elisha Freeman be this comttee

Novr 2d 1794 — Lydia Hodges publicly confessed her wickedness in committing the sin of fornication, on wc the church voted to forgive her, & to restore her to their charity & fellowship.

Novr 26th 1794. The church met, & appointed a Committee to visit Mr Benjamin Backus, who being confined to his house by sickness, & who wished to unite himself with the church. — It was voted that this Committee

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should consist of five brethren with the pastor. & that Deaⁿ West, Hope Davis, Nathan Ball, Stephen Toby & Deaⁿ Nye should be the Committee.

Novr 27th This Committee, with a number of the brethren of the church attended with Mr Backus at his house, & after free conversation & inquiry into his religious views & exercises, voted, that he should be propounded for admission into the church. —— ——

December 24th The church had a meeting & attended to a circular letter from the Rev. Messrs Austin & King, on the subject of a concert of prayer among churches of all denominations, to be entered upon the first Tuesday of January 1795. — — After some conversation on the subject of the Letter, the church passed, unanimously, the following votes. ——

1. That this church will be in the proposed concert. —— ——
2. That they will enter upon it the first Tuesday of January 1795 ——
3. That this church subscribe for one of the Magazines, which is to be printed, as an aid, to the proposed concert. —— ——

February 15th 1795. The church voted to give Mr Lemuel Crocker and his wife, & Mrs Sally Foot (now Sally Thompson) Letters expressive of their regular standing in this church, & also to recommend them to the fellowship of christians in the places in which they are called to reside, which Letters are to be their dismissions from us, as soon as they unite with regular churches.

Feby 26th 1795. The church voted to give Mrs Mamre Bartholomew, a letter expressive of her regular standing in this church, & also to recommend her to the fellowship of christians in the place to which she is gone.

March 6th 1795 — The church met, and appointed Deacon Oliver West to visit Capt Jesse Bradley, and if he found that his ideas of regeneration were in his view erroneous, & amounting to a denial of that important doctrine, to bring forward a complaint to the church. ——

April 16th 1795 — The church met, and attended to a complaint exhibited by William Ingersol Esqr against Jonathan Foot Junr ; but, on the request of Mr Foot, voted to put off deciding on the complaint, until another meeting. —— Voted also, at this meeting, that Deacon Oliver West on his request, be released from attending with Capt Bradley, and that Capt Josiah Yale be requested to deal with him, in his room. ——

April 24th — The church met and attended further and more particularly to the complaint against Mr Jonathan Foot, and finally the votes being called for, a majority of the church, determined that the complaint was not supported. —— ——

At this meeting, voted also, to give Mr Solomon Foot, on his request, a letter of recommendation to professing christians, wherever he may be called.

Jnne 11th 1795 — The church met and voted to have monthly conferences in the church, and that the usual day of meeting for this purpose should be the first Tuesday in every month. ——

Novr 6th 1795. The church met & voted, that they will receive per-

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sons, who bring letters of recommendation from regular churches, & who give this church opportunity for free inquiry into their religious views & exercises, without publicly reading to them our confession of faith & covenant, as has heretofore been practised.

Novr 14th 1795 — The church met, & attended to a complaint brought against Capt Jesse Bradley, by Josiah Yale, for neglecting to walk with this church, and for representing baptism to be regeneration, after some conversation, the church voted to accept the complaint, & to prepare themselves at some suitable time, to act upon it.

Voted also, at this meeting, that Mrs Hambleton, & her daughter, the wife of Benjamin Bassett, who are recommended to this Church from the church of Christ at Eastham, shall have occasional communion 9 months longer than the usual time, on the account of their not having sufficient opportunity to become acquainted with the sentiments & practices of this church to become members.

Novr 26th 1795 — The church met, & attended to the complaint brought by Josiah Yale against Capt Jesse Bradley, & after some conversation upon it, & upon Capt Bradley's answer, the church voted,

1st That his plea in answer to the first part of the complaint, which accused him of a breach of covenant-engagements, was insufficient.

2ly That the matter should be deferred until the church could have opportunity to have Capt Bradley before them, & to inquire of him respecting his views of regeneration, as different opinions were entertained by the members, in regard to his real sentiments.

December 4th 1795 — On the request of the church, Capt Bradley came before them, & gave them opportunity to hear his sentiments explained, from his own mouth, after which nothing more was done, than to adjourn the meeting.

December 11th 1795. The church, agreeably to adjournment, met and attended further to the complaint exhibited against Capt Jesse Bradley, and after some conversation, the following questions were put.

1st Whether it be the opinion of the brethren of this Church, that Capt Jesse Bradley, in that he has, for considerable time, neglected to walk with this church, and has united to another church with which we profess not to be in fellowship, particularly viewing all the circumstances under which he hath done this, has deviated from his covenant-engagements? Voted in the affirmative.

2nd Whether it be the opinion of the brethren of this Church, that to hold sentiments which exclude the necessity of a change of heart, by the special and supernatural operations of the Holy Spirit, in which men are born of God, is heresy? Voted in the affirmative.

3rd Whether it be the opinion of the brethren of this Church, that Capt Jesse Bradley holds to sentiments, which really exclude the necessity of a change of heart, by the special and supernatural operations of the Holy Spirit, in which men are born of God? Yeas 14. Nays 12.

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At this meeting another question was proposed, which immediately respected the rejection of Capt Bradley, but, on the account of the great embarassment in the minds of many brethren, it was thought best to adjourn, accordingly the meeting was adjourned for a fortnight. ——

Decr 24th 1795 — The church, agreeably to adjournment, met and on being informed that Capt Bradley requested the advice of a Council, before any further steps were taken in his case, they passed the following votes ———

1. That they will join with Capt Bradley in calling a council for advice, in the matter of difficulty subsisting between them.

2. That the proposed council should consist of three churches to be chosen in the following manner, (viz) One to be chosen by the church, another by Capt Bradley, and the third to be agreed on, by the church & Capt Bradley. ———

Accordingly the church made choice of the church in Norfolk, of which the Rev. Mr Robbins is Pastor, and Capt Bradley made choice of the church in West-Springfield of which the Rev. Dr Lathrop is Pastor,—and the church in Westfield of which the Rev. Mr Atwater is Pastor was agreed on for the third, by the church & Capt Bradley.

Voted, also that this Council be requested to convene the second Wednesday in Febr-y next at Mr Hyde's.

Febr-y 3d 1796 — The church voted to give Mr William Bradley, and his sister, Mrs Lydia Hodges, Letters expressive of their good and regular standing. and to recommend them to the fellowship and watch of professing christians, wherever they may be called. ——

Febr-y 19th 1796 — The church met and passed the following Votes —

1. That Mr Danl Church Junr shall have a Letter of recommendation from us to the Church of Christ in South-Granville, State of New-York ——

2. The Council which was called by the Church and Capt Bradley having disappointed us, by not coming, it was voted that the matter should be post-poned, until the season might be convenient to call a second Council, if it should appear to be expedient. ——— ——

May 5th 1796. The church met and appointed a Committee to visit Mrs Lydia Barlow, the wife of Mr Peleg Barlow, who being confined to her house, by sickness, & who wished to unite herself with this Church. It was voted that this Committee should consist of four brethren with the pastor, and that Dean West, Dean Nye, Mr John Crosby, and Mr Stephen Toby, should be this Committee.

May 17th This Committee, attended with Mrs Barlow, at her house, and, after free conversation, and inquiry into her religious views, and exercises, voted that she should be propounded for admission into the church.

May 19th — The church met & voted to give Mr Joshua Nye and Charity his wife a Letter expressive of their regular standing in this Church, and also to recommend them to the church of Christ in Snowsbush.

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July 5th 1796 — The Church met and attended further to the case of Capt Bradley, and, after much conversation in regard to his sentiments, and the duty of the church, the following votes were passed. ———

Voted First. That as circumstances now are, it is not expedient for the Church to unite with Capt Bradley in calling a second Council.

Secondly. That the votes passed at a church-meeting, on the 11th of December 1795, relative to the complaint brought by Capt Josiah Yale agt Capt Bradley, be reconsidered; and that the two articles of charge in ye complaint, be comprised in one general question. ——

The question then put was the following — Whether it be the opinion of the brethren of this church, that the complaint brought against Capt Jesse Bradley, by Capt Josiah Yale, is so far supported, as that it is duty to reject him? Voted in the affirmative. ——

Novr 10th 1796 — The church met and chose a Committee of five, exclusive of the Pastor, to attend with Ebenezer Jenkins Esqr, who had exhibited a Letter of Recommendation from the Church of Christ in Barnstable, and with whom some difficulty had arisen—the names of the Committee are the following — Hope Davis, Levi Nye, Edmund Hinckley, David Ingersol and John Parcival. — —— ———

Novr 13th David Gifford and Daniel Wilcox made a public acknowledgment and confession of their wickedness in some transactions with Mr Elisha Foot, particularly in evading the truth, and using deception; on hearing their confession and seeing their appearance, the church voted to forgive them.

Jan-y 8th 1797 — The church voted to give Mr Lemuel Hatch and his wife a Letter expressive of their regular standing in this church, and to recommend them to the communion and fellowship of professing Christians, wherever they may be called in God's providence. ———

March 8th 1797 — The church voted, that it is altogether expedient there should be uniformity of practice with respect to the position of persons, who make public confessions, and that the place of standing shall be in the broad ile.

April 4th 1797. — The Widow Hambleton, who was recommended to us from the church at Marshpee, was examined by the church, who expressed themselves so far satisfied with her relation, as that they were willing she should be propounded, in the usual way. —— At the same meeting, the church voted that it would be expedient to do everything in their power to encourage and forward the design of the New-York missionary Society, and that a contribution should be proposed the next Sabbath. —

April 16th 1797 — Was the day appointed for contribution, and the sum, collected was 32 Dollars & 50 Cents, which was committed to the care of the Deacons to be forwarded to the New-York Missionary-Society.

July 4th 1797 — The church voted to give a Letter of dismission and recommendation to the wife of Dr Thompson, who was about to remove to Charlton, in the State of New-York. —— At the same meeting, Messrs

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Lemuel Barlow,and Josiah Willoughby were examined for admission into the church; on hearing them, the church voted that they should be propounded. — ———

July 6th 1797 — The church had a meeting, and attended further to the difficulty which had arisen respecting Ebenr Jenkins Esqr , and after some conversation, a new committee of six members were chosen to confer with him, & to labour for a settlement — the names of ye committee were ye following— William Ingersol Esqr Nathan Ball, Elisha Freeman, John Crosby, Josiah Yale & John Nye. ——

July 28th 1797. — The church had a meeting. at which ye Committee, appointed to confer with Esqr Jenkins, reported,that they had a long conference without approaching any nearer to a union, than what appeared at former meetings. As many of the brethren were absent, ye church then voted to defer ye final decision of his case until a future meeting. —

Voted 2ly That the wife of Mr Moses Ingersol, who was examined at this meeting, should be propounded for admission into the church. — —

Voted 3ly That Matta Dunn, a member of the church at Barnstable, should have occasional communion with this church, during the time she might reside in the town;—the peculiar state of her mind rendering it unsuitable that her relation should be removed.

Augt 24th 1797. — The church had a meeting and passed the following votes ——

Voted 1st — that the Widow Sarah Parsons, who brought a Letter from the church in Stockbridge — Mrs Grace Wormer, and Mrs Chloe Wansey be propounded for admission into the church. — —— ———

2ly —That the wife of Mr Andrew West have a Letter of dismission and recommendation, she having removed from us to Paris, where a church is gathered.

Septr 8th—The church had a meeting and passed the following vote —

That it is not consistent to receive to our communion Ebenr Jenkins Esqr on account of a want of union in sentiments, and on account of his unwillingness to acknowledge his former opposition to the church. — —

Novr 9th The church voted to give widow Levite occasional communion for the present, it being not certain that this will be the place of her future residence.

At a meeting of the church on the 11th Jan-y 1798 — Deacon Oliver West exhibited a regular complaint against Mrs Elizabeth Bennett, a sister of this church, for neglecting the sacrament of the Lord's supper for more than a year. After hearing the complaint read, the chh voted to accept it, & adjourned for a fortnight.

Jan-y 25th 1798. The church met according to adjournment, and attended further to the complaint, exhibited against Mrs Bennett. ———

She being present, the church labored to convince her of her irregular conduct, and not without some apparent good effect, for she manifested suspicions of her being wrong.— She being desired & exhorted to attend

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further to her conduct, it was proposed to do nothing more relative to her, at this meeting

Jan-y 28th 1798 — The church voted to give a Letter of recommendation to Mrs Tabitha Bradley, the wife of Mr William Bradley.

May 11th The case of Mrs Bennett was again called up in the church, and the brethren who had visited her represented that her appearance was not so agreeable as it had been, and that she justified her conduct in neglecting communion. On account of her not being present, it was proposed to adjourn the meeting till next week on Thursday.

May 17th The church, agreeably to adjournment, met and conversed further on the complaint against Mrs Bennett, but as a number of the church were necessarily detained from meeting, it was judged best to defer the final decision of her case to a future meeting, when the brethren might be more generally present.

June 8th The church met and passed the following votes, in which they were unanimous. ———

1. That the complaint exhibited against Mrs Bennett is supported ——

2. That since all the labours and endeavours, both of private brethren and of the members of the church unitedly, to reclaim her, and bring her to a sense of her duty are ineffectual, voted that she be excluded from the communion of this church.

July 22d 1798 — Mr Samuel Porter, a member of this church, publicly confessed his wickedness for playing cards at a public house, on Fast-day, and for travelling with his team on the same day, and also on the Sabbath; on hearing which, the church voted to forgive him.

Sepr 7th — The church voted to give Mr David Perry, and his daughter Deidama Perry, Letters expressive of their regular standing in the church, and recommending them to the communion, and watch of the church at Ashfield.

Jan-y 10th 1799 — The church had a meeting & passed the following Votes ———

Voted, 1st That Dean Thatcher and his wife, members of the church in Wareham, have occasional communion for the present, it being not certain that they will finally settle in this town; though they have already been with us our usual time of granting occasional communion.

Voted 2ly That Dr Nathl Thayer and his wife, who have communed with this church 9 months, be allowed to commune twice more, as they wish for further opportunity to be acquainted with the church.

March 20th 1799 — The church had a meeting and attended to the examination of Mr Abraham Hall, after which voted unanimously that he be propounded. ——

At this meeting Mr Hope Davis exhibited a complaint against Mr Aaron Benedict for leaving the public worship of God in this place, and attending with the Episcopalians in Lenox—also for using unnecessary familiarity with an excommunicated person—also for saying that a man had a

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right to get a bill from his wife and marry another, though he had no evidence that his wife had been guilty of incontinency. — After conversing some time with Mr Benedict on these articles of charge, the meeting was adjourned till next Week on Friday, 2 oClock P. M. ———

March 29th 1799—The church met according to adjournment, and in the first place, attended to the examination of Rachel Hall, the wife of Abraham Hall, and voted that she be propounded;— after which the church labored further with Mr Benedict. He having acknowledged his wickedness, as pointed out in some part of the complaint, the church voted to adjourn the meeting until next Tuesday, the day of concert in prayer.

Tuesday, April 2d 1799 — The church met according to adjournment, & attended further to Mr Benedict, who now voluntarily said he was ready to confess his wickedness, as specified in the complaint, and offered a written confession, which the church voted would be satisfactory, on its being made public. — ———

April 4th 1799 — The above confession of Mr Benedict was publicly read in the meeting-house. ———

April 14th The church voted to give Aaron Benedict, a letter of dismission, and to recommend him to the watch of the church in Sangersfield.

June 7th 1799. The church had a meeting and attended to the examination of Mrs Esther Bailey, wife of Mr Thomas Bailey, and voted that she be propounded, Five of the brethren were then appointed as a Committee, with the Pastor, to visit Miss Anne Parcival, who was desirous of uniting with the church, but was unable to attend a church-meeting by reason of sickness. Dean West, Dean Nye, Mr Hope Davis, Mr Penoyer, and Josiah Yale Esqr were appointed. These brethren were unanimous in their opinion, that she be propounded; and she was accordingly propounded. ———

August 9th 1799. The church had a meeting, and passed the following votes. —

1.—That Mr Rowland Thatcher and his wife Elizabeth Thatcher, recommended from the church of Christ, at Wareham, be propounded by having their Letter publicly read.

2. That Mrs Hannah Collins, wife of Oliver Collins, have a Letter of dismission, and be recommended to the watch of the church of Christ in Lenox. ———

Augt 25th 1799 — The church voted that Mr Seth Abbot and Martha his wife be recommended to the Communion and watch of the church of Christ in Cornwall.

Novr 7th 1799 — The church voted that Mr Daniel West and his wife be recommended to the communion & watch of the church of Christ in Lenox. — ———

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Decr 4th 1799 — The church had a meeting and attended to the examination of Mrs Prudence Couch, the wife of Mr John Couch Junr — Mrs Lucy Crocker the wife of Elisha Crocker, Mrs Thankful Humphrey, the wife of Mr Elias Humphrey & Miss Sally Squire, and voted that they all be propounded.

January 5th 1800 — Samuel Tilley publicly confessed his wrong in absenting himself from communion, on account of some difficulties,— on hearing which the church voted to forgive & restore him.

Feb-y 14th 1800. — The church had a meeting and attended to the examination of Mrs Lydia Bradley, wife of Mr Stephen Bradley, Miss Sally Stewart, & Miss Patience Dexter, & voted that they all be propounded.

Feb-y 18th 1800 — The church met and attended to the examination of the following persons—viz—John Couch Junr —Dr Nathaniel Thayer and Anne his wife,Hannah Davis, wife of Calvin Davis, Sophia Crocker, Mira Crocker, and Laura Crocker—and voted that they all be propounded.

April 1st The church voted to give Mrs Abigail Bradley, the wife of Mr Asahel Bradley a Letter of dismission and recommendation to the church of Christ in Stockbridge. ——— ——

April 17th The church met to attend to the examination of John Winegar and Lydia Stanton, and voted that they be propounded.

August 13th The church met & attended to the examination of Adria Squire, the wife of Ebenezer Squire, and Rhoda Hatch, and voted that they be propounded — a committee was also appointed to attend to the examination of Elizabeth Robinson, who wished to make a profession of religion, but was so unwell as to be unable to attend at the meeting-house.— The committee chosen for this purpose were Dean West, Dean Nye, Mr John Crosby and Mr Nathl Bassett, with the Pastor. Augt 15th They attended, and voted that she be propounded.

Sepr 14th Seth Nye made a public confession of his wickedness, for manifestations of anger before the world, and for accusing Samuel Porter of telling that which is false, on hearing which, the church voted to forgive him.

Octor 2d The church met and attended to the examination of Samuel P. Robbins, and Sally Barlow, and voted that they be propounded. —

Octor 26th The church voted to give Jabez Chadwick and Samuel Prince Robbins,letters expressive of their regular standing in this church, and recommending them to the communion and fellowship of other churches, wherever God in his providence may call them.

December 26th 1800 — The church met & attended to the examination of Mr John Nye & his wife, recommended from the church in Tolland, & voted that their letter be read in public — at the same time, attended to the examination of Mrs Desire Clark, the wife of Mr Jonathan Clark, and Hannah Parker, & voted that they be propounded.

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An account of persons taken into the church of Christ in Lee, since June 6th 1792, the time Mr Alvan Hyde was ordained.

June 17th 1792 — Elisha Freeman, & Elizabeth, his wife, Cornelius Bassett & Abigail his wife, Anne the wife of Daniel Church, & Mehitabel, the wife of Andrew West, were all received into this church in full communion.

August 12th 1792 — David Perry, & Desire his wife, Thomas Beecher, Samuel Winegar, Elizabeth West, Temperance Chase the wife of Levi Chase, Abigail Parcival the wife of Elisha Parcival, were all taken into this church in full communion.

Sept 9th 1792. Lewis Hatch, Sarah Dodge the wife of Asel Dodge. & Mercy Ingersol the wife of William Ingersol Junr, were taken into this church.

Oct 14th 1792. — Seth Abbott and Martha his wife, Joseph Bradley and Eunice his wife, Mehitabel Northrop the wife of Thomas Northrop, Elizabeth Crocker the wife of Job Crocker, Nabby Barus, and Miriam Dickinson were received into this Church.

November 11th 1792. — — — Elisha Parcival, Peter Willcox, Nathaniel Hamlin and Abigail his wife, James Austin and Achsah his wife,— Daniel West, Nathaniel Bassett. Daniel Willcox, Asahel Foot, Widow Silence Chase, Phebe Bradley the wife of Eli Bradley, Anne Abbott, and Daniel Santie, and Betsey his wife, were all taken into this Church.

December 9th 1792 — — — Edmund Hinckley and Content his wife, Nathan Davis and Lucy his wife, Paul Ewer and Mercy his wife, Daniel Church, Jared Ingersol, Ebenezer Jenkins Junr, Elizabeth Jenkins the wife of Ebenr Jenkins Esq., Sarah Tuttle ye wife of James Tuttle, & Martha Crocker ye wife of Lt Joseph Crocker were all taken into this church.

December 23d 1792. Widow Thankful Dimick was taken into this chh.

January 13th 1793. Jonathan Foot, David Goodspeed, Levi Chase, Solomon Foot, Mehitabel West, the wife of Ebenezer West, Anne Bradley the wife of Heman Bradley, Nabby Barlow the wife of Reuben Barlow, Molly Stanley, Louis Nye, the wife of John Nye, and Joshua and Charity Nye, were all received into the communion and fellowship of this church.

March 10th 1793. Jedidiah Crocker and Sarah his wife, James Tuttle, Samuel Tilley and Hannah his wife Josiah Crocker, Jabez Chadwick, Salvina Baker the wife of David Baker, Deborah Taylor, Sarah-Ann Foot,—Hannah Barlow, and Huldah Winegar, were all received into this Church.

May 5th Nathaniel Toby & Deborah his wife, John Parcival & Ruth his wife, John Nye, Samuel Porter, Ebenezer West, Tabitha Gifford, Zurviah Wells, Ruth Tyler, Joanna Gifford, Thankful Barlow, Olive Thompson, Lucy Hyde, Mary Casey, Lydia Ball, Huldah Gifford & Han-

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nah Dodge, were all received into this church. ——

July 14th Daniel Church, Thomas Fuller Remember Bassett, Sarah Tyler, Tempe Perry, & Lydia Bradley were received into this Church. —

Sept 8th Jeremiah Wormer, Joseph Crocker Senr, Eli Bradley, Elizabeth Bennett, & Eunice Fuller, were all received into this Church. ——

November 17th — John Gifford, Jesse Bradley Junr —William Bradley, Dorcas Crocker, & Zina Penoyer were received to the communion & fellowship of this Church.

1794.

Janr 12th Sarah Lee, the wife of Ashbel Lee, was received into the communion & fellowship of this church. — —

March 21 Enoch Garfield was received to the communion & fellowship of this Church. —— ——

May 18th John Couch Senr & his wife, James Gifford & Sarah his wife,—Mamre Bartholomew, the wife of Jesse Bartholomew, Lydia Hinsdale, & Tabitha Crocker were all received by this church to their fellowship & communion.

July 13th Tabitha Hamblin was received by this church to their communion & fellowship. ——

Decemr 23d Benjamin Backus was received by this church to their communion & fellowship, at his own house, where the church convened, on the account of his being sick. —— ——

1795.

July 12th Ephraim Sheldon, & Mrs Sarah Blackman, wife of Mr Jonth Blackman, were received by this church to their communion & fellowship.

Novr 8th Mr Levi Robinson and ——— his wife were received by this church to their communion & fellowship, being recommended by the church of Christ at Meriden in Connecticut.

1796.

Janur 10th Mrs Prudence Porter, wife of Mr Samuel Porter, was received by this church to their communion & fellowship.

June 7th Mrs Lydia Barlow, wife of Mr Peleg Barlow, was received by this Church to their communion & fellowship, at her own house, where the Church convened on account of her being sick.

Novr 13th Widow Thankful Bassett, and Martha, the wife of Mr Nathl Howland, were received by this Church to their communion and Fellowship, being recommended from the West Church in Barnstable. —

1797.

Samuel Leonard Junr was received by this church to their communion and fellowship, on the 12th day of March — also at the same time widow

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Experience Childs was received, by this church, to their communion and fellowship, being recommended from the West Church in Barnstable.——

April 23d Mrs Hambleton was received, by this church, to their communion and fellowship, being recommended by the Revd Gideon Hawley, Pastor of the church at Marshpee. ——— ——

July 30th Lemuel Barlow and Josiah Willoughby were received, by this church, to their communion & fellowship.

Sept 10th Widow Sarah Parsons, recommended from the church in Stockbridge, and Mrs Prudence Ingersol, recommended from the church in Willington, were recommended to communion —— also Grace Wormer, the wife of Jeremiah Wormer — and Chloe Wansey, the wife of Henry Wansey, were received into the church. ———

1798.

April 22d 1798 Squire Stone and his wife, recommended from the church at West Stockbridge, were received as members of this church.

Sepr 2d Deidama Perry was received by this church to their communion & fellowship.

1799.

Jan-y 13th Abigail Bradley, the wife of Mr Asahel Bradley, was received to the communion and watch of this chh, being recommended from the church at Cornwall, in Connecticut.

March 10th Hannah Crocker, wife Mr Josiah Crocker, was received by this church to their communion, watch and fellowship.

April 14th Abraham Hall, and Rachel, his wife, were received to the communion, watch & fellowship of this Church.

June 30th Esther Bailey, wife of Mr Thomas Bailey, was received to the communion and fellowship of this Church.

July 28th Anne Parcival, daughter of Mr Elisha Parcival, was received to the communion and fellowship of this Church.

Sepr 8th Dean Rowland Thatcher and his wife were received to the communion and fellowship of this church.

Novr 3d Samuel Couch & Hannah his wife, Stephen Bradley & widow Rebecca Putnam, were received to the communion & fellowship of this church. —— ——

1800.

Jan-y 12th Prudence Couch, wife of John Couch Junr —Lucy Crocker, wife of Elisha Crocker — Thankful Humphrey, wife of Elias Humphrey and Sally Squire were all received to the communion and fellowship of this Church. ———

March 9th Dr Nathl Thayer & Anne his wife, recommended from the church at Durham, in Connecticut — John Couch Junr — Lydia Bradley, the wife [of] Stephen Bradley — Hannah Davis, the wife of

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Calvin Davis — Sarah Stewart, Patience Dexter, Sophia Crocker, Lemira Crocker and Laura Crocker, were all received to the communion and fellowship of this Church.

May 4th John Winegar and Lydia Stanton were received to the communion & fellowship of this Church.

Sepr 14th Adria Squire, wife of Ebenr Squire, Rhoda Hatch and Elizabeth Robinson were received to the communion & fellowship of the church.

Octr 19th Samuel Prince Robbins, and Sally Barlow were received to the communion & fellowship of this church. ——

An account of persons baptized by the Revd Alvan Hyde, who was ordained to the work of the Gospel-ministry and charge of this church, June 6th 1792. — —

June 17th Elizabeth Freeman, wife of Elisha Freeman,— Nancy, Lemuel, and Lydia, children of Cornelius Bassett and Abigail his wife, — Hannah and Abigail, children of Mehitabel West, wife of Andrew West— Molly and Betsey, children of Aaron Benedict — and Justus and Oliver, children of Oliver Hatch were all baptized.

June 24th — Elisha, Fanny, Thomas, and Lydia Parcival, children of Elisha Freeman & Elizabeth his wife were baptized.

July 8th Lucy Tracy, daughter of Josiah and Ruth Yale, and Elihu son of Lydia Ingersol, wife of Aaron Ingersol were baptized.

July 15th Sarah, Lydia Lemuel and Salvina, children of David Baker were baptized. ———

July 22d —Elizabeth, daughter of Elizabeth Barlow, wife of Seth Barlow, was baptized.

August 5th Priscilla, daughter of Samuel and Priscilla Davis was baptized.

Sept 2d Elisha, Huldah, Fear, Polly & John, children of Elisha & Abigail Parcival were baptized

Sept 23d William, son of Jonathan and Mehitabel† Foot, — Wait, Thomas Davis, Alpheus, and Tabitha, children of Lewis Hatch, — Lydia, Seth Crocker, William, Cela, and Sarah, children of William and Mercy Ingersol — & Darius Carpenter, a child taken to be educated by Thankful Goodspeed—were all baptized. —— ——

Octob. 14th Elizabeth Crocker, the wife of Job Crocker, Miriam Dickinson, and Heman, Asahel, Sarah and Samuel Stanley, children of Asahel and Sarah Dodge, were baptized. ——— ——

Octob. 28th — — Huggins, Betsey, Celah, Electa & Olive, children of Job and Elizabeth Crocker were baptized. ———

Novr 4th Asenath, daughter of Joseph & Eunice Bradley was baptized.

† Error of record, see pp. 151, 269.

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Novr 11th Elisha Parcival, Dauiel Willcox, and Asahel Foot were baptized.

Novr 18th — Deborah-Webb, Hannah, John-Smith, Nabby & Polly, children of Nathaniel & Bethiah Bassett, — Philo, Celah, Anne, Polly & Josiah, children of Eli & Phebe Bradley, — and Berenice & Zafne, children of James & Achsah Austin, were all baptized. ———

Novr 25th Daniel, son of Miriam Dickinson was baptized. ——

Decr 9th Content Hinckley the wife of Edmund Hinckley, Lucy Davis the wife of Nathan Davis, Mercy Ewer the wife of Paul Ewer, and Nathaniel, son of Nathauiel and Abigail Hamlin, were all baptized. ———

Decr 23d Polly, daughter of Lewis Hatch was baptized. — — —

1793.

Jany 13. Solomon Foot, Nabby Barlow, the wife of Reuben Barlow, Charity Nye, the wife of Joshua Nye, Lucy, Hannah-Crocker, Nathan, Charity-Hall, and Isaac, children of Nathan and Lucy Davis, — — and Ruth, daughter of Jesse and Ruth Gifford were all baptized.

Jany 27. Hannah, John, Ira, and Esther, children of John and Louis Nye, were baptized.

Feby 10th Sally, Benjamin, Grissilda, Betsey-Clark, Polly and Asa children of Joseph & Martha Crocker, — and Huldah, James and Polly, children of Daniel Church were baptized. —— — —

March 3d Stephen, Ephraim, Phebe, Timothy-Nye, & Joel, children of Ebenezer & Mehitabel West were baptized.

March 10th Jedidiah Crocker & Sarah his wife, James Tuttle, Samuel Tilly and Hannah his wife, Salvina Baker the wife of David Baker, Deborah Taylor, and Sarah-Ann Foot, were all baptized.

April 7th Pelatiah, son of Daniel & Elizabeth West, — and Louis daughter of John and Louis Nye were baptized.

May 5th Nathaniel Toby & Deborah his wife, Mary Casey, Hannah Dodge, John Parcival & Ruth his wife, Charles, a son of Elisha & Elizabeth Freeman, & Joel a son of Joseph & Eunice Bradley were all baptized.

June 2d Thomas, son of Cornelius & Abigail Bassett was baptized.

June 9th Sylvanus, Sylva, John, Geneverah & Jesse children of Joanna Gifford, & Rhoda, Hezekiah-Orton, & Chauncey, children of Gideon & Oliver Thompson, were baptized. ——— ——— ——

June 16th Ebenezer-Nibloo, Polly, Louis, John, David, & Merit, children of Jared Ingersoll were baptized. ——— ——— ———

June 23d Remember-Nye, a child of Cornelius Bassett, was baptized.

July 14th Lecta & Rhoda, children of Samuel & Hannah Tilly were baptized.

July 21st Sarah, a child of Stephen & Lydia Tobey was baptized. ——

Augt 4th John-Crocker, Mary-Busley, Tilson, Jane, Nabby and Martha, children of Paul & Mercy Ewer, were baptized. ———

Augt 11th Elizabeth Handy, a child taken to be educated by Hannah Collins, the wife of Oliver Collins, was baptized. ——— ———

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Augt 25th Achsah, Samuel, Mary, Deborah & Cynthia, children of Nathaniel & Deborah Toby —— Noah, Jedediah-Davis, Sarah, Samuel & Elizabeth, children of Jedediah & Sarah Crocker —— Polly, & Arthur, children of Abraham & Tempe Perry were all baptized. —— ——

Sept 8th Asa, son of Thomas, & Mary Ewer — John, Samuel, Ruth, James, Montgomery & Hannah-Gates, children of John & Ruth Parcival— William Bassett, Cornelius, Hannah, & Reuben, children of Thankful Barlow;–Sibyl, David,& Sally, children of Sarah Tyler, were all baptized.

Sept 8. Joseph Crocker was baptized. ——— —— ——

Octo. 6th David, son of David & Salvina Baker was baptized. ——

Octobr 20th Betsey Denio, a child taken to be educated by Sarah Dodge, was baptized.

Novr 17th —— John Gifford, —— Mary, Grace, Lorain, Abigail, & Lydia, children of Samuel Porter — Henry-Williams & Pruda, children of Elizabeth Bennett, — & Lucy, Elihu, Jacob, & Thomas-Williams, children of Eunice Fuller, were all baptized.

Decr 1st Betsey, a child of Jesse Bradley Junr was baptized.

Decr 15th Polly, daughter of Elisha and Mary Grant was baptized.—

1794.

Jany 5th Sally, daughter of Eli & Phebe Bradley was baptized. ——

Jany 12th Ancel, son of Archelaus & Elizabeth Chadwick was baptized.

Feby 23. Tamar, daughter of Oliver Hatch was baptized.

May 4th Reuben, son of Jared Ingersol was baptized. ———

May 18th James Gifford, & Lydia Hinsdale were baptized — also Alvan, son of Jesse & Ruth Gifford, & Sarah-Ann, daughter of Asahel & Anne Foot.

June 1st Alvah, child of Thomas & Phebe Beecher, & Lucy, a child of Samuel & Hannah Tilly, were baptized.

June 15th Daniel, son of Daniel Church Junr , was baptized. ——

July 15th Tabitha Hamblin was baptized. —— ——

July 27th Eunice, daughter of Aaron Benedict, —— Mamre, Jesse-Bradley, Lemi, Augustus & Lydia, children of Mrs Mamre Bartholomew, Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel & Bethiah Bassett, Alvan, son of Alvan & Lucy Hyde, & Henry-William, son of Ebenezer Jenkins Junr & Lydia his wife, were all baptized. ——-

Sept 14th Eunice, daughter of James & Sarah Gifford, was baptized. –

Sept 28th Bathsheba, daughter of Nathan & Lucy Davis,was baptized.

October 19th Electa, daughter of Josiah & Ruth Yale, was baptized. —

Novr 2d Abigail, child of Joseph Crocker Senr was baptized. —— —

Novr 9th Olive, daughter of Gideon & Olive Thompson was baptized.–

Novr 30th Dama daughter of Abraham & Tempe Perry, was baptized.

Decr 14th Amanda, daughter of Jesse Bradley Junr was baptized. ——

Decr 28th Polly, Silas, Daniel, children of Enoch Garfield—& Thomas, son of Wm Ingersol Junr & Mercy his wife were baptized. ——

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1795.

Jany 4th Eunice, daughter of Joseph & Eunice Bradley, & Sarah, daughter of Joshua & Charity Nye, were baptized. —— —— —— —

Jany 11th Kimball Porter, son of Samuel Porter, & Wait-Hatch Davis, son of Samuel & Priscilla Davis, were baptized. ———

Jany 18th Artemesia, a child of Mr Joseph King of Barrington was baptized. —— ——

March 19th Was baptized an infant son of Mr Paul Ewer, at his own house, by the name of Paul. ——— ———

March 25th Nathan, son of Ebenezer Jenkins Junr was baptized, at his fathers house, being dangerously sick.

April 5th Lucy, a child of Samuel & Lydia Hodges, was baptized — —

April 12th Content, daughter of John and Ruth Parcival was baptized.

April 19th David and Sarah, twin-children, of Mr David and Sarah Ingersol, were baptized. ——— ———

June 14th Lydia, daughter of Ephraim & Lydia Sheldon was baptized.

July 12th Polly, daughter of Jedediah & Sarah Crocker was baptized.–

July 26th Alvah, son of Daniel & Elizabeth West was baptized ——

Augt 2d Was baptized Elizabeth, daughter of Jared Ingersol. ———

Octob. 4th Was baptized Cornelius, son of Samuel Barlow.

Octobr 25th Was baptized Joshua, son of Seth & Amy Nye. — ——

Novr 8th Was baptized Ezra-Thompson, son of Huldah Finney.

Novr 29th Was baptized Zafne, son of James and Achsah Austin.

Decr 13th Was baptized Hudson, son of Daniel & Lydia Wilcox.

1796.

Feby 7th Was baptized Charles, son of John & Louis Nye.

Feby 14th Was baptized Harriot, daughter of Cornelius & Abigail Bassett, and Elizabeth, daughter of Asael & Anne Foot.

Feby 21st Was baptized Seth, son of Josiah & Hannah Crocker. ———

March 20th Was baptized Ebenezer, son of Ebenezer West. —— ——

April 24th Was baptized Experience, child of Cornelius Bassett Senr also William, son of Eli Bradley, and Charles-Backus, son of Alvan and Lucy Hyde.

May 8th Was baptized Fanny and Amanda, children of Levi Robinson.

June 5th Was baptized Betsey, daughter of Elizabeth Bennett. ———

June 7th Was baptized Lydia Barlow, wife of Peleg Barlow, at her own house, being unable to attend meeting. —— ———

July 10th Were baptized Hannah, daughter of Thomas Ewer, Huldah, daughter of Aaron Benedict, and Samuel-Crocker, son of David Baker.

Augt 28th Was baptized Hope Davis, son of Nathan Davis. — — —

Sept 25th Were baptized Josiah, son of Josiah Yale, and Daniel, son of Archelaus Chadwick. ——— ———

October 23d Was baptized Mary, daughter of Stephen & Lydia Toby.

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1797.

Jany 8th Was baptized Lyman, child of Mrs Anne Bradley of Milton in the State of New-York. ——

Jany 15th Was baptized Lydia Bradley, daughter of Jesse Bradley Junr

Jany 22d Was baptized Josiah, son of Ebenezer Jenkins Junr

March 5th Was baptized Isaac, son of Nathl and Bethiah Bassett.

March 12th Was baptized Samuel Leonard Junr — and at the same time, he covenanted with this Church. ——

April 4th Thomas Crocker, an infant child of Josiah Crocker, was baptized at the house of its father, on account of its being thought dangerously sick. ——

April 16th — Lewis, son of Samuel Davis was baptized. —— ——

April 30th Sally, child of Mr John & Joanna Gifford was baptized.

June 18th Joseph, son of Joseph & Martha Crocker, was baptized.

July 30th Josiah Willoughby was baptized, an adult. —— ——

July 30th Elizabeth, daughter of David Ingersol, was baptized.

Augt 13th Eunice, daughter of Mr Daniel & Mrs Elizabeth West, was baptized.

Augt 27th Polly & Lydia, children of Josiah Willoughby, were baptized.

Octr 30th Moses, son of Moses Ingersol, and John, son of Samuel Winegar, were baptized.

Decr 24th Rhoda, daughter of Jared Ingersol, was baptized. ——

1798.

Jany 7th Heman, son of Mr Oliver Hatch of Granville, who removed from this church, was baptized. —— —— ——

Jany 14th Sally, daughter of Mr Seth Nye, and Lydia, daughter of Mrs Hannah Remele, were baptized. — —— ——

Feby 19th Isaac, son of Elisha & Mary Grant, and Charles, son of Paul & Susannah Ewer, were baptized

March 11th Abraham, son of Abraham & Tempe Perry, was baptized.

April 22d Nabby, daughter of Mr John & Mrs Ruth Parcival, — Palmira, daughter of Squire Stone, and Harriot, daughter of Alvan and Lucy Hyde, were all baptized. —— ——

May 14th Betsey-Crosby, daughter of Josiah & Hannah Crocker, was baptized.

May 20th James, son of James & Sarah Gifford, was baptized. ——

June 17th Mehitabel, daughter of Ebenezer & Mehitabel West, was baptized. —— —— ——

July 8th Joseph-Warren, son of Reuben and Nabby Barlow, was baptized. —— —— ——

Augt 5th Lyman, son of Asahel & Anne Foot, was baptized. ——

Sepr 9th Senah (alias Asenath) child of Huldah Finney, wife of Abraham Finney, was baptized.

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Octor 1st Philena, daughter of Jedediah & Sarah Crocker, and Eli, son of Eli and Phebe Bradley, were baptized. —— ——

Octor 7th Harriot-Maria, daughter of Gideon & Olive Thompson, was baptized.

Octor 14th Eunice, daughter of Mrs Prudence Ingersol, & Parmelia, daughter of Mr Joseph Bradley, were baptized.

Novr 4th Ebenezer, son of Ebenezer Jenkins Junr, was baptized.

1799.

Jany 7th Daniel, son of Jesse & Mamre Bartholomew, was baptized.

March 3d Seth, son of Lemuel Barlow & Thankful his wife.

March 10th Semantha, child of Josiah Willoughby. ——

April 7th John, son of David Baker, and Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Tabitha Winegar.

April 14th Lydia, daughter of Abraham and Sarah Hall.

May 19th Alva, son of Paul and Susannah Ewer.

June 23d James, son of William and Marcy Ingersoll.

June 30th Esther Bailey, wife of Thomas Bailey.

July 14th Lucy, daughter of David and Sarah Ingersoll — also Smith, Orra, Wealthy and Thomas, children of Thomas and Esther Bailey.

July 28th Anne Parcival — also Polly Turner, an adopted child of Mr Ebenezer & Mrs Mehitabel West — also, Reuben, John, Benjamin, Electa, Esther, Grace, Jared and Henry, children of Henry and Chloe Wansey.

Sepr 8th Rachel, daughter of Cornelius & Remember Bassett — also, Marcy, daughter of Nathan and Lucy Davis.

Sepr 15th Joseph, son of Nathanl & Bethiah Bassett.

Sepr 29th Cornelius, son of Cornelius & Abigail Bassett. — also Lucy, daughter of Jesse Bradley Junr ———

Octor 13th Chloe, daughter of Henry & Chloe Wansey.

Novr 3d Josiah, son of Josiah & Hannah Crocker. ———

Novr 10th Abigail, daughter of Asahel & Abigail Bradley.

Novr 19th William, son of Squire Stone, was baptized at his father's house, by reason of the sickness and confinement of Mrs Stone. ——

Novr 20th John, son of James & Achsah Austin.

Decr 8th Ebenezer-Cook & Elisha, children of Stephen & Lydia Bradley.

1800.

Jany 12th Lucy Crocker, wife of Elisha Crocker, — also Phebe, Amanda, & Tirza, children of Samuel & Hannah Couch.

March 9th Lydia Bradley, wife of Stephen Bradley, — Sarah Stewart — Sophia Crocker, Lemira Crocker, & Laura Crocker, all adults. ———

April 27th William, Electa-Lewis, John-Dimick, Lucy and Lucius children of Elisha & Lucy Crocker.

May 1st Stephen, son of Alvan & Lucy Hyde.

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May 4th Lydia Stanton, an adult — also, William, son of Joseph and Martha Crocker —also, Hannah, daughter of John & Hannah Remele.

June 1st Electa, daughter of Daniel and Lydia Wilcox.

June 8th Charles, son of Asahel and Anne Foot.

July 6th Lewis, son of John Gifford and Lyman, son of James and Sarah Gifford.

Augt 3d Thankful and Elias, children of Elias and Thankful Humphrey.

Augt 17th Abraham Finney, son of Abraham and Huldah Finney.

Augt 24th Asher, son of Jared Ingersoll. ———

Augt 31st Benjamin, son of Ebenr & Mehitabel West.

Sept 7th Mabel & John, children of John and Prudence Couch.

Octor 19th Sally Barlow was baptized.

Octor 26th Lydia, daughter of Ebenr and Lydia Jenkins, was baptized.

Novr 9th Aurelia, daughter of Jedidiah Crocker, was baptized.

An account of the ecclesiastical Councils to which this church has been invited, since my connection with them.

April 16th 1793—Attended a Council at Lenox, which was called to dismiss the Revd Saml Monson. Dean Oliver West went as Delegate.——

May 28th 1793—Was called to assist in the ordination of the Revd Mr Ayer, and Dean O. West was appointed by the church, as delegate. — —

April 29th 1795, was called to assist in the ordination of the Revd Saml Shepard, and Dean O. West was appointed by the church, as delegate.

April 26th 1797. was called to assist in the dismission of Rev. Eleazer Storrs of Sandisfield, and Dean Oliver West was appointed by the ch. as delegate.

Jan-y 1st 1798—Sat in council at Washington, some difficulties having arisen in that church. No delegate was requested. —— —— ——

June 28th 1798—was called to assist in the ordination of Rev. Levi White of Sandisfield and Dean Levi Nye was appointed delegate. ——

March 12th 1799—Attended a Council at Loudon, which was called on account of difficulties existing in the church at that place—Dean Levi Nye went as Delegate from this church.

July 10th 1799—Was called to assist in the ordination of the Rev. Mr Turner at New-Marlborough South Parish, and Mr David Ingersoll was appointed by the church, as delegate. I gave the Right-Hand of Fellowship.

June 16th 1800. Was called to attend a Council at the North Parish in New-Marlborough, to give advice in a case of discipline; and Dean Oliver West was appointed by the church, as delegate.

October 14th 1800—Was called to attend a Council at Blanford, at the dismission of the Revd Mr Badger.—Mr David Ingersoll was chosen as delegate.

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An account of persons married by the Revd Alvan Hyde.

July 19th 1792. Jonathan Wally and Mary Winslow were married.
August 23d Ebenezer Jenkins Junr and Lydia Smith were married.
October 18th Josiah Willoughby and Sally Backus were married.
Novr 20th Joshua Nye and Charity Parker were married. ——
Novr 29th Heman Bradley and Anne West were married. ——

1793.

Jany 17th Wally Backus and Grace Vandusen were married. ——
Jany 31st Ichabod Lathrop & Esther Pixley were married. ——
April 11th Ancel Bassett and Hannah Dimmuck were married.
Augt 21st Asael Foot and Anne Abbot were married. ——
October 17th Joseph Whiton to Amanda Garfield. ——
October 17th Jabez Bursley to Abigail Perry. —— ——
November 28th Pardon Austin to Rhoda Stanton. —— ——

1794.

March 27th Jacob Penoyer to Alice Hoyt Crocker. —— ——
May 25th Ephraim Sheldon to Lydia Gifford. —— ——
June 30th Silas Easton to Rachel Nye. —— ——
July 8th Isaac Barlow to Sally Casey.
August 24th John Read to Elizabeth Crocker. ——
October 8th David Hamlin to Sally Backus.
October 12th Samnel Hodges to Lydia Bradley. ——
October 19th Daniel Wilcox to Lydia Ball. —— ——
October 24th Stephen Dexter to Lydia Backus. —— ——
October 30th Ebenezer Hawes to Electa Northrop. ——
November 19th Joseph Hinckley to Polly Stewart. ——
November 20th Abraham Finney to Huldah Gifford. ——

1795.

Abijah Crosby to Caty Olds, Jany 15th——
Jany 15th Josiah Crocker to Hannah Crosby. ——
Feby 19th Benjamin Hamblin to Thankful Barlow. ——
Feby 19th Lemi Bradley to Ruth Newel of Lenox. ——
June 3d Reuben Pixley Junr to Polly Chase.—— —
Sept 7th Hope Davis to Mrs Lucy Bullard. ——
Sept 10th William Sturges to Sallome Dimmuck.——

1796.

Jany 20th Sherman to Avis Collins. —— ——
Feby 18th Mr Paul Ewer to Miss Susannah Hamblin.— ——
March 10th Benjamin Adams to Sarah Parker.——
March 29th Reuben Penoyer to Polly Gifford.
April 19th John Remele to Hannah Barlow.
June 29th Nathaniel Hudson to Nabby Hinkley.

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Octor 16th Jacob Winegar to Anne Parker, —— ——
Novr 8th Simeon Wright to Sukey Abbott. ——
Decr 15th Ozias Judd to Lucena Hewlet. —— ——
Decr 25th Harvey Osborn to Caty Gifford.—

1797.

Jany 12th Samuel Winegar to Tabitha Crocker. ——
Jany 12th Nathan Bassett to Azubah Jones.
Jany 14th Joshua Howe to Urania Stevens.
Jany 18th Peleg Barlow to Esther Griffin. ——
Jany 22d Lewis Gifford to Betsy Backus. ——
Jany 26th Ephraim Williams to Jemima Wormer.
June 29th Nathan Ball Junr to Fear Chadwick. ——
June 29th Zina Hinkley to Betsey Ball. ——
Octor 4th Jeremiah Vallet and Abiah Moot. —— ——
Octr 19th Job Northrop to Sally Bennet.
Novr 9th William Foot of Stockbridge to Abia Vollet.
Novr 23d Daniel Parker to Anne Handy. ——
Decr 28th Joseph Frary of Becket to Sally Gifford. —— ——

1798.

Jany 3d William Bradley to Tabitha Hamblin. ——
Feby 1st Calvin Davis to Hannah Crocker. ——
June 21st Elisha Dodge to Betsey Crosby. —— —
Decr 15th John White to Fear Perry.
Decr 20th Oliver Wedge to Martha Grant.

1799.

Jany 3d Elisha Kilburn to Lydia Tooley. ——
March 21st Andrew Howk to Betsey Mansfield.
May 12th Luther Day to Meribah Smith.
Sepr 16th Thomas Chadwick to Lucinda Ingersoll.
Sepr 22d John Gardner to Delia Childs. —— —

1800.

Jany 26th Simeon Clark to Lucy Backus.
Feby 6th Eli Church to Elizabeth Chadwick.
April 24th Jeduthan West to Phebe Wilcox. ——
May 1st Samuel Barlow to Sena Wilcox.
June 26th John Rathbone to Celah Tobey. ——
Augt 8th Cornelius Fessenden to Nancy Ball.
Sepr 1st Philip Packard to Rachel Gifford.
Octor 6th Asahel Stanton to Patty Ball.
Octr 30th Amasa Porter to Betsey Winegar.
Octr 30th Job Childs to Rhoda Hatch.
Octr 30th Thomas Backus to Rebecca Couch.
Decr 18th James Whiton to Deborah Webb Bassett.

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An account of the Deaths in Lee, since the ordination of Mr. Hyde. ——

1792.

June 28th 1792—Died Hannah Crocker.
Sept —An infant child of Mr Jonathan Foot Junr
Novr 2d Thomas Nye, son of Deacon Levi Nye.

1793.

Feby 15th An infant child of Mrs Farrar.
March 16th An infant child of Reuben Barlow.
April 5th Parmelia, daughter of Thomas Beecher.
April 21st A child of John Crosby Junr —
June 28th A Child of John Hewlits.
July 23d A Child of Joshua Nye.
Augt 26th A Child of James Austin.
Novr 11th A son of James Youngs.
Decr 4th A Child of Laurence Vandusen.
Novr 13th Deliverance Backus, wife of Ichabod Backus, wo died at Falmouth.
Decr 5th A Child of Jabez Clark.

1794.

Jany 14th Cornelius, son of Lemuel Barlow.
Feby 7th A Child of George Bennett.
Feby 9th A Child of John Hewlit.
March 3d A Child of Paul Ewer.
March 13th A Child of Levi G. Porter.
March 20th A Child of Elisha Grant.
May 7th Died Arthur Perry Aged 73.
June 30th Jesse, son of John Gifford.
July 21st Content Crocker, wife of Noah Crocker, 63.
Augt 22d Samuel Graves, aged 76 years.
Octor 20th An Infant child of James Austin.
Decr 10th An Infant child of James Gifford. ——
Decr 16th A child of Jesse Smith.

1795.

Jany 5th Charles, son of Benjm Hinkley, aged 16 months.
Feby 16th An infant child of Silas Easton. ——
Feby 23d Hannah Davis, wife of Hope Davis, aged 64.
March 3d An infant Child of Ebenr West.
March 3d An infant Child of Caleb Chadwick.
March 18th Marcy Ewer, wife of Paul Ewer æt. 39.
April 9th An infant child of Mr Shaw.

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April 10th Widow Abigail Crocker, in the 90th year of her age.
April 11th An infant son of John Gifford.
April 14th An infant child of Saml Hodges. ——
April 16th An infant child of Nathl Toby. ———
April 18th Benjamin Backus, of a cancer, aged 60 years.
April 23d An infant child of Aaron Graham.
March. An infant child of Lodowick Gardner, of which I did not hear in season.
May 2d an Infant Child of John Crosby aged one week.
May 5th Molly Casey, aged 24 years, who was eminent for her piety.
June 5th Rhoda, daughter of Levi G. Porter, aged 3 years.
Sepr 9th Marcy Crocker, daughter of Joseph Crocker Junr aged 3 years and nine months.
Sepr 17th Died Mr Jonathan West, aged 58 years. —— ——
Septr 17th Died a daughter of Mr Jonathan Graves, aged 2 years.
Novr 10th Died Polly, daughter of Mr Elisha Grant, aged 2 years.
Nov. 19th Died Mrs Eunice Ingersol, wife of Mr Moses Ingersol, in the 51st year of her age.

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Jany 8th Died Mr Joseph Crocker, son of Capt Thomas Crocker, in the 30th year of his age.
Jany 19th Died an infant son of Mr Silas Clark.
Feby 11th Died an infant son of Mr John Keep.
Feby 20th Died Mrs Elizabeth Keep, wife of Mr John Keep, in the 40th year of her age.
March 6th Died Charles, son of Capt John Nye, aged 2 Months.
March 7th Died Kimball Porter son of Mr Saml Porter, aged one year & 3 months. ——
April 23d Died Richard Whitney, son of Mr Wm Whitney, aged one year & 2 months.
May 1st An infant child of Mr James Gifford. —— ——
May 4th Died Mrs Anner Basset, wife of Mr Nathan Bassett, in the 41st year of her age.
May 13th Died Joseph Jones of Sandwich, in a fit of drunkenness, at the house of Mr Wilcox, being as was supposed about 47 years of age.
May 16th Died Henry Atkins, in the 70th year of his age.
Jnly 5th Died Capt Thomas Crocker, in the 62d year of his age. ——
July 24th Died Joseph Crocker, son of Joseph Crocker Junr and grandson of Capt Thomas Crocker, aged about 8 months. —— ——
July 27th Died Abigail Swift, wife of Ebenezer Swift, aged 56.
Augt 7th Died Orra Blackman, son of James Blackman, aged one year, & 11 months.
Augt 11th Died Mrs Lydia Barlow, wife of Mr Peleg Barlow, aged 31 years. ——

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Augt 24th Died Mrs Lydia Ewer, aged 74 years.
Sept 29th Died an infant Child of Mr Reuben Barlow, aged 12 hours.—
Octor 15th Died John, son of Mr John Hewlit, aged

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Jany 2d Died a daughter of Mr Seth Burden, aged 5 years. — —
Jany 21st Died Mrs Hewlit, the wife of Mr John Hewlit, aged 33 years. ——
Feby 16th Died Peggy Casey, in the 16th year of her age.
Feby 25th Died Ebenezer Chadwick Junr in the 25th year of his age.—
March 8th Died an infant child of Mr Wm Freeman, aged 2 weeks. —
April 1st An infant child of Mr Jacob Winegar. —— ——
April 6th An infant son of Mr Josiah Crocker, aged 10 days.
May 26th An infant child of Mr Ancel and Mrs Hannah Bassett, aged 3 weeks. ——
June 25th Died Mrs Christene Gardner, wife of Mr Lodowick Gardner, aged 23 years. ——
July 30th 1797— Died Mr Eleazer Turner, in the 30th year of his age.
Augt 31st Died, widow Silence Chase, in the 76th year of her age.
Septr 23d An infant child of the widow Turner, aged 5 months.
Octr 23d A son of Cornelius Hamblin, aged 17 months.
Decr 19th Died, Mrs Desire Perry, wife of Mr David Perry, in ye 66th year of her age. ——
Decr 29th Died, Mr Nathan Ball, in the 62d year of his age. ——

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Jany 19th Died Harriot Bassett, daughter of Mr Cornelius Bassett Junr, aged 2 years.

March 14th Died Mr John Winegar, aged 55 years. In the 29th year of his age, he was severely frozen; being left in the woods, and without shelter. Both of his feet came off, and his constitution was so injured, that he never had good health afterwards.

May 2d Died Mr Benjamin Hamblin aged 67 years.
May 3d Died an infant child of Mr James Austin, aged but a few hours. —— —— ——
May 6th Died Dennis Casey, of a consumption, aged 20 years. — —
June 5th Died Anner Bassett, of a consumption, aged 18 years. ——
June 13th Died Catharina Winegar, of a consumption, aged 33 years. She was an example of piety in her life, and met death with fortitude & composure. ——
July 28th Died at Mr Wm Sturges, Cynthia Chadwick, aged 13 years.
Sepr 2d Died Zeruiah Crocker, of a consumption, aged 20 years. — —
Nov. 30th Died Widow Dorcas Crocker, in the 79th year of her age.
Decr 23d Died Betsey C. Crocker, aged 9 months.

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Jany 3d Died Roxana Howk, daughter of Mr Abrm Howk, in the fourth year of her age.

Jany 7th Died, Mrs Sarah Graves, wife of Mr Phineas Graves.

Feby 7th Died Miss Remember Toby, daughter of Stephen Toby, in the 22d year of her age. ———

Feby 21st Died Mrs Elizabeth Turner, widow of Mr Eleazer Turner, aged 39 years.

March 8th Died Mr Daniel Church, aged 92 years, wanting a few days.

March 11th Died Mrs Meribah Burden, the wife of Mr Timothy Burden, aged,

March 13th Died an infant child of Mr Stephen Tobey. ———

April 3d Died Mrs Lydia Toby, the wife of Mr Stephen Toby, in the 43d year of her age.

June 1st Died Mrs Sarah Couch wife of Mr John Couch, in the 77th year of her age.

June 8th Died a son of Mr John Couch Junr aged one year & nine months.

June 29th Died Bulah, daughter of Mr Elijah Peet aged 9 years. ———

July 19th Died Laurence Vandusen, in the 32d year of his age.

July 20th Died a child of Mr Polly, aged one year and seven months.

Augt 5th An infant child of Mr Alvan Foot, aged but a few hours.

Augt 9th Died Mr Thomas Northrop, aged 72 years. ——— ———

Augt 18th Samuel Couch, son of Mr Samuel Couch, aged 15 months.

Sepr 6th Died a twin child of Mr Polly, aged about one year & 9 months.

Sepr 21st Died, Mary Ann Wormer, daughter of Mr Aaron Wormer, in the 8th year of her age.

Octor 5th Died a child of Capt John Stearns, aged one year and 6 months.

Decr 21st Died Moses Ramsdale, son of Mr Jehu Ramsdale, aged 7 years. ——— ———

Decr 23d An infant child of Mr Andrew Howk.

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Feby 22d Died Miss Lucinda Ingersoll, daughter of Wm Ingersoll Esqr in the 36th year of her age.

March 21st Died Mrs Elizabeth West, aged 88 years.

April 9th Died Mr Daniel Church, in the 60th year of his age.

May 16th Died Electa Wilcox, in the 20th year of her age.

May 27th An infant child of Mr Elijah West.

Augt 10th Died Joseph Bassett, son of Mr Nathl Bassett, aged one year.

Sept 30th Died Achsah Taylor, wife of William Taylor, in the 24th year of her age. ———

Novr 9th Died Miriam Hatch, wife of Josiah Hatch, aged 83 years.

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Inscriptions from the Cemeteries.

In the old grave-yard (see p. 34), now in the north-east corner of the cemetery near the center of the town, there are 72 monuments with memorials to 84 persons who died before 1801. Mattey, daughter of Joseph and Lois Hendy (see p. 297,) is supposed to have been the first person buried there. Doubtless there were earlier deaths among the settlers here, but no certain record of any has been found. In Holland's Hist. of Western Mass. (vol. 2, p. 516,) is the following: "The first death that occurred in Lee befell a child of John Winegar. The death occurred at Crow Hollow, and the child was buried on the West side of the river." Probably the statement was made on traditional authority.

It is supposed one of the earliest graves is marked by a rough stone bearing only the rudely carved letters S B. The name for which these letters stand has not been determined. The stone with the letters I V D, marks the grave of Isaac VanDeusen, 8 years old, a son of Matthew VanDeusen.

Only two dated before 1801 are in the South Lee cemetery; one at the grave of Isaac Davis, the first settler, the other at the grave Abijah Stearns.

A few early graves in each cemetery are marked with uninscribed, unhewn slabs of stone. There are, also, several early graves marked in the same manner near the residence of C. E. Morley, Cane St., where, according to tradition, some of the settlers in that section named Gifford and Roberts were buried.

If any of the early inhabitants were buried elsewhere in town, all knowledge of their graves is lost.

Owing to weathering, probably some of the punctuation has been effaced from some of the stones.

The interlined letters and words in the inscriptions here given, are shown as well as possible with ordinary type. On the stones they are close to the lines to which they belong.

Joſeph F. ſon of Mr
James & Mrs Achſa
Auſtin. died May, 16
1791, aged 12 Months
Alſo Zefna; their ſon
died Auguſt, 26th
1793, aged 18 Months
Margaret their dau'tr
died at ſalem ſtate of
N york Oct 21 1786,
aged 3 *Months.*

An Infant Son of
Mr James & Mrs:
Achsah Austin
who was Still born
Oct 20th 1794

In memory of Zaſ-
na ſon of Mr James
& Mrs Achſah
Auſtin died April
16 1797 aged 18M
Alſo their ſon was
born & died May
3d 1798

Sarah, daughtr of
Mr. Nathan &
Mrs. Ruhamah
Ball. died Auguſt
1 1784 aged
11 Years & 3 Mon

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Annah Bassett,
was born
June 12, 1780.
and died June
5, 1798. aged
18 years.

In Memory of
Joseph Baſsett ſon
to Mr Nathaniel &
Mrs Bethiah Baſs-
ett who died Au
gust 10th 1800
aged one year &
3 days

In memory of
Harriot Dautr to
Mr Cornelius junr &
Mrs Abigail Baſ-
sett who died Jany
19th 1798 aged 2
years & 9 days

Phebe Died August 30th 1777
Aged 1 year & 9 Months.
Thomas Died February 17th
1788 Aged 14 Months.
Permela Died April 3d 1793
Aged 2 years & 3 Months.
Children of Mr. Thomas &
Mrs Phebe Beecher.

Nancy, dautr of Mr.
Cornelius Baſsett Jun
by Mrs Abigail his
wife. died with the
Small pox March
19th, 1785, aged 12
Months & 19 days.

Betſey (dautr of
Mr. George & Mrs
Eliſabeth) Bennet
died Sept 7th 1790
aged 5 Months.

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Mrs Desire Chadwick
the late Consort of
Mr Abiathar Chad
wick died August
13th 1790 in the 35th
year of her age

No age nor sex can
Death defy
Think Mortals what
it is to die

In memory of Miss Ze-
ruiah Crocker who died
Sep 2nd 1798 in the 21st
year of her age
Tis long since death had
the majority Yet strange:
the living lay it not to heart

In Memory of Mrs
Content, the late
Consort of Mr Noah
Crocker, who Died
July 23d. 1794 in
the 65th year
of her age.

Mrs. Hannah Davis
the wife of Mr. Hope
Davis Died February 23d
1795 in the 65th year
of her age

How sudden was the stroke
When the Almighty spoke
My Friends & Children
now draw near
And see that you for
Death prepare

Mercy Hamblin Crocker Died Sept 8th 1795, in the 4th year of her age.	Joseph Crocker junr Died July 24th 1796, aged 7 Months & 6 Days.

The above were the Children
of Insign Joseph & Mary Crocker

The blooming cheeks, the lovely charms,
Lie clasped in Deaths cold Icy arms.

Polly Dautr of Mr
Silas & Mrs Rachel
Easton died February
15th 1795 aged 16 days.

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Mrs Marcy Ewer the wife of Mr Paul Ewer died March 18th 1795 in the 39th year of her age

Farewell my friends
dry up your tears
Here ſleeps my dust
till Christ appears

In memory of an Infant ſon to Mr Alvan & Mrs Sally FOOT who died August 5th 1799 aged 9 hours

Ye active babes & children all
Behold the ſcene of childrens fall
My day was ſhort my hours few
And bid this world & all adieu

David (ſon of Mr. David & Mrs. Eliſabeth) Foot) died Oct. 14th, 1790, aged 3 Months.

Sleep on my babe
and take your reſt
God calld you home
He ſaw it beſt.

Jared died May 15th 1785 aged 2 Years & 8 Months

Eunis died March 19th 1794 aged 3 Years.

The heirs of Mr. Eliſha & Mrs. Mary grant

Thomas, ſon of Mr Eliſha & Mrs. Eliſabeth Freeman. died June 28th 1780 aged 3 years.

The God that * * *
[Stone broken.]

Nanſey Dautr of Mr Moſes & Mrs Relief Hall who Died February 19th 1797 aged 16 days

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William Phinney Hamblin Son to Mr Cornelius & Mrs Marcy Hamblin died October 23d 1797 aged 1 year 4 Months & 15 days

Rochana Dautr of Mr Abraham & Mrs Easther Howk who died January 3d 1799 in the 4th year of her age

In Memory of Mrs Mariam Hatch wife to Mr Jofiah Hatch who died Novm 9th 1800 aged 83 years

Sacred to the memory of Mrs Eunice Ingerfoll Confort of Mr Mofes Ingerfoll who departed this life Nov 19 1795 in the 51ft year of her age.

Surviving friends altho you mourn
Let this confole I fhall return
The righteous Judge can by his word
Bring me triumphing with the Lord

In Memory of Charles son to Mr Benjamin & Mrs Puella Hinckley who died Jany 5th 1795 aged 16 months & 20 days

Leua, Dautr to Mr Samuel, & Mrs Lydia Hodges, died April 14, 1795 aged 2 months.

In memory of Mrs Elifabeth Jenkins Confort of Mr Ebenezer Jenkins (late of Barnftable deceafed) who died Octr 28th 1788 aged 91 years

Behold my friends while pafing by
This ftone informs you where I lie
Tho I have lived to ninty one
Yet you may die while you are young

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Here lies
Worthy to be lamented
Mrs Sibyl Hurd
Wife of
Stephen Leonard
who departed this life
July 19th 1787
in the 24th Year
of her Age.

My glafs is run my Grave you see,
Prepare for Death and follow me.

Stephen Leon
ard junr died
May 1787

In memory of
Thomas Nye fon
to Deacon Levy
& Mrs Sarah Nye
who Died Nov
2nd 1792 in the
19th year of his age

In memory of an
Infant, dautr of Mr.
Joshua & Mrs.
Charity Nye. who
died July 23d 1793
aged 5 days.

Hulda the dau-
ghter of Mr. Le-
vi & Mrs Catharine
Porter, died March
13 1794 aged 8
years & 13 days.

Rhoda dautr to Mr
Levi & Mrs Catharine
Porter died June 5th
1795 in the 4th year
of her age.

In memory of Mrs Lydia
Tobey confort to Mr Ste
phen Tobey who died
April 3d 1799 in the
43d year of her age.

Gods people are made willing
in the day of his Power

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In memory of Miſs Remember Tobey: Daut^r. to Mr Stephen, & Mrs Lydia Tobey; who died Feb. 6th 1799. in the 22 year of her age.

The blooming cheeks the lovely arms ch
Lie clasp'd in Deaths cold icy arms

This ſtone was Erected by Seth Backus jun^r

In Memory of Mrs Lucy, wife of Mr. John Williams, who Departed this Life, Aug. 28, AD. 1786: Æ. 24.

Farewell my loving wife,
We bid a short Adieu,
You can not come to me again
But I must come to you.

Mary Dau^tr of Mr William & Mrs Sarah Whitney Died July 27th 1790 aged 1 Month

Inscriptions indistinct in the photo-engravings, pp. 297—303.

In Memory of Mr. Arthur Perry who died May 7, 1794 in the 73d year of his age.

Adieu my ſpouſe my children dear
I leave this world of pain
Let virtue be your Practice here
! we do meet ao

Page 297.

M RS Rebecca, wife of Mr Oliver Hat ch died May 1ſt 1788 in the 33d year of her age.

Farewell my friends
dry up your tears,
My duſt lies here
Till Christ appears.

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On stone to the memory of Esther and Lydia Bradley;—see p. 299:

Decaying mortals
here's the place
The houſe deſtin'd
for Adams race
Be ready then
to meet the Lamb
Of God, the Judge,
the Great I AM.

This ſtone erected by Row land THATCHER junr to perpetuate the memory of Miſs Electa WILCOX who departed this Life May 16th 1800 Aged 19 years 2 months & 14 days.

All you that ſtop my tomb to ſee
As I am here so you muſt be,
Repent, repent now you have time,
For I was taken in my prime.

Page 299.

On stone erected to the children of Jonathan Foot Jr.;—see p. 299:

Thoſe guiltleſs charmes, those
marks of genius are surprest,
Which nurst the fondeſt hopes
in tender parents breasts.

In memory of Mr
JOHN WIEGAR
who Departed this
Life the 14th of
March 1 7 9 8
Aged 55 years & 2 Mo

In ſolemn ſilence here I lie
Pray from me learn that you must die
All youthful ſcenes of pleaſure bright
Muſt end as watches of the night

O may this be your happy case
That he who gives you length of days
May raise you to His corts above
There to pertake of boundleſs love

Page 301.

Two infants of Jacob & Anna Winegars One died March 3 1797 The other died June 16 1802

Page 301.

In Memory of Mrs Mary Baſsett the late Conſort of Mr Nathan Baſsett who Died May 4th 1796 in the 44th year of her Age.

Death is a debt to Nature due,
Which I have paid & so muſt you,
Here let me reſt my weary head,
Till Chriſt my Lord ſhall rais the Dead.

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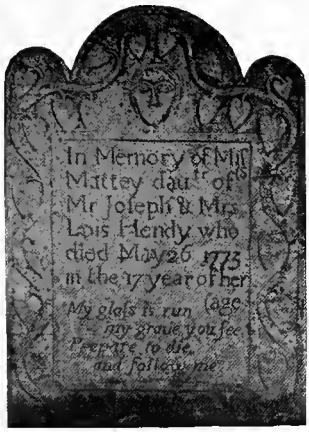

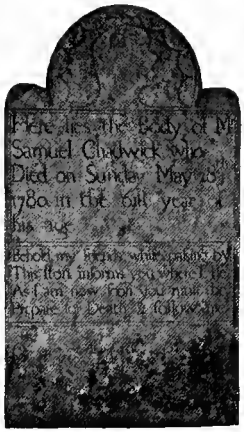

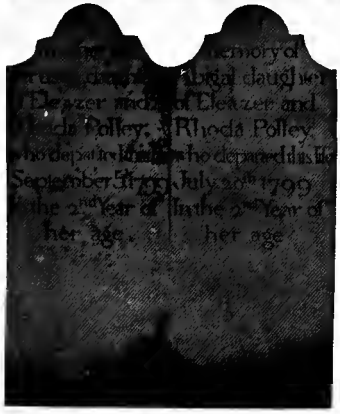

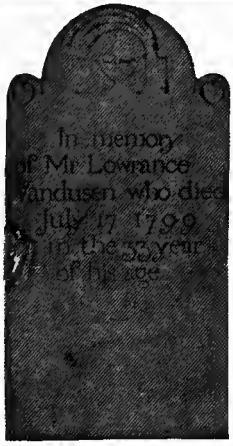

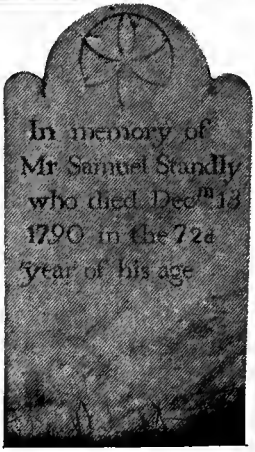

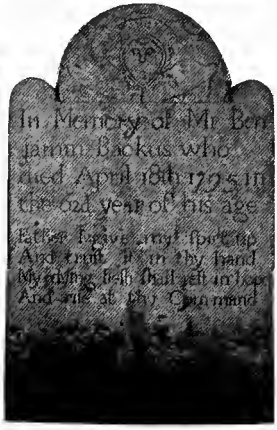

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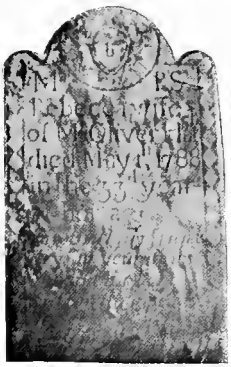

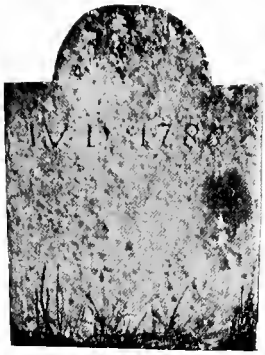

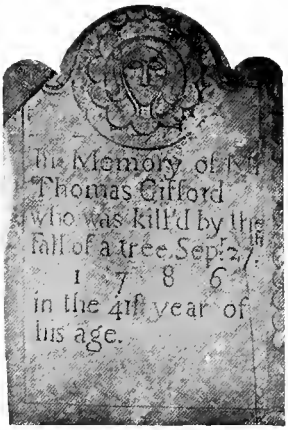

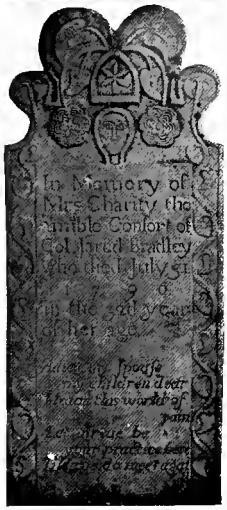

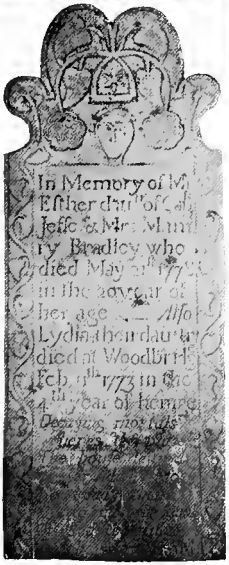

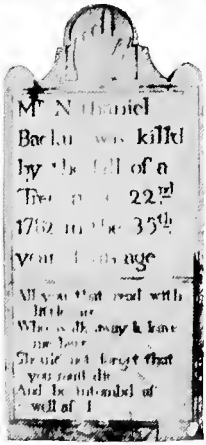

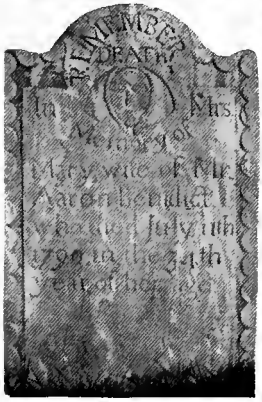

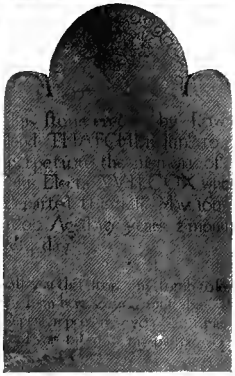

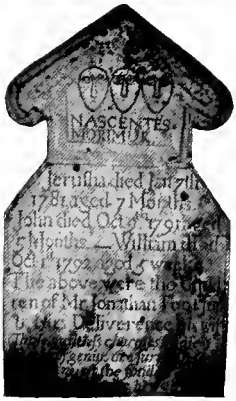

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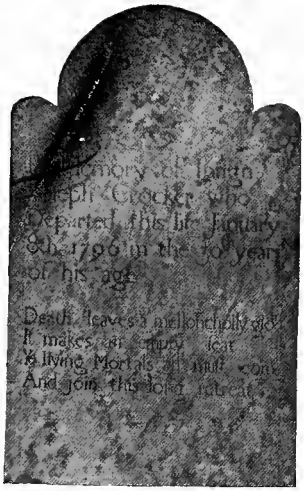

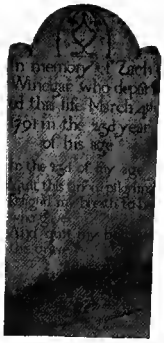

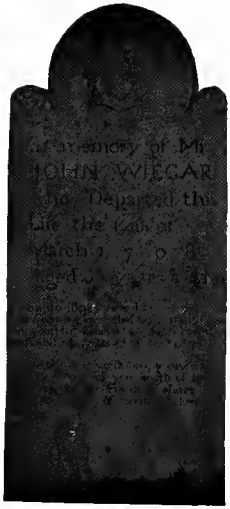

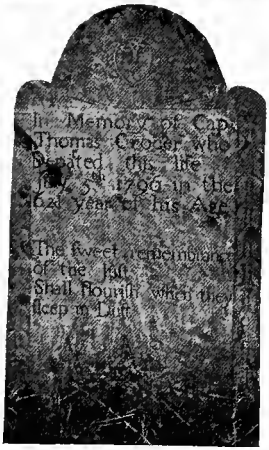

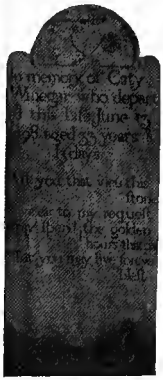

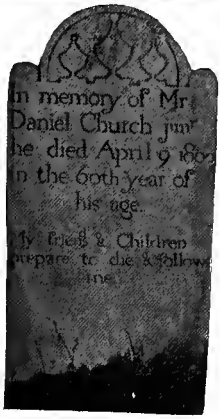

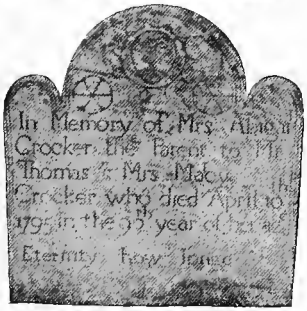

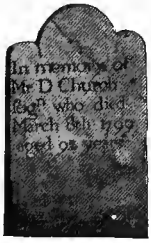

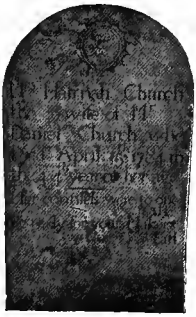

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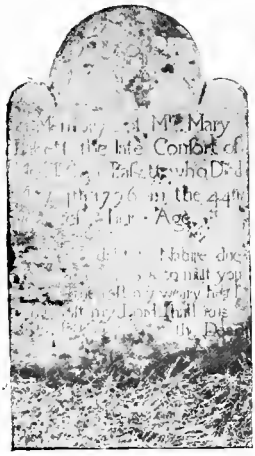

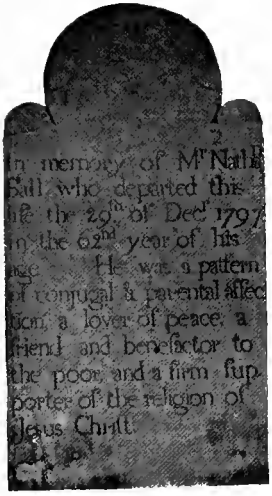

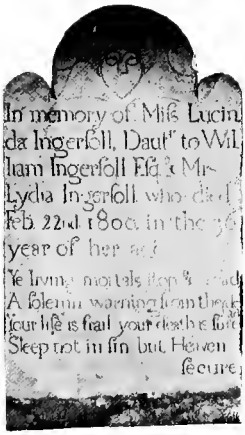

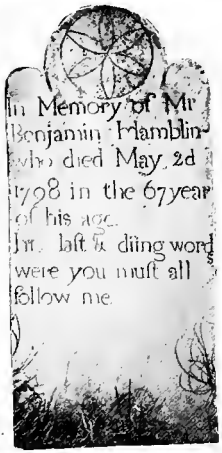

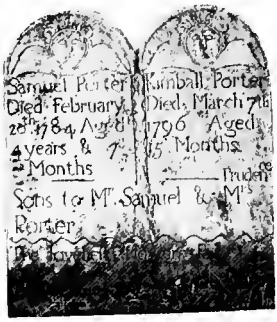

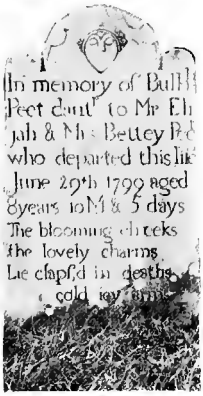

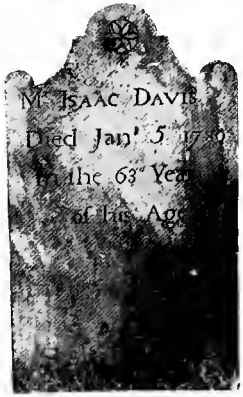

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Appendix.

A brief history of the town's incorporation may be found in vol. V, pp. 717-719, 826-828, A. & R. of the Province of Mass. Bay, (ed. 1886), where are printed the petitions on pp. 319-327, of this vol.; together with the rival petitions from some of the proprietors and inhabitants of Hartwood, and a succinct statement of the action of the General Court on the subject.

Most of the matter is reprinted below, with the quotation marks unchanged.

The proprietors of Great Barrington having passed the following vote:—

"At a Meeting of the Freeholders, & other Inhabitants of the town of Great Barrington, Legualy qualified to vote in Town affairs, regularly assembled at the Court-house in said town, on the 29th. of Decr. 1773—

To see if the Town will agree, that that part of this Town called the Hoplands, be set off into a seperate Town, or District,

Thereupon voted, that this Town have not any objection against that part of this Town called the Hoplands, being set off into a seperate Town, or District whenever the Great & General Court or assembly of this province, shall see fit—

A True Copy of Records Att W: King, Town Clerk."—(*Mass. Archives, vol.* 118, *p.* 745.)—

—the following petition was presented to the House on the 28th of January, 1774, and referred to Capt. White, Capt. Brown of Abington and Col. Whetcomb:—

[See pp. 319, 321.]

On the 16th of February, this committee reported leave to William Ingersoll to bring in a bill. Meanwhile, the proprietors of Hartwood presented their petition for incorporation, which was read in the House, on the first of February, 1774, and referred to Mr. Gardner of Stow, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Ellis of Dedham. The original of this petition has not been discovered, but the substance of it, and the action of the Legislature thereon, appear in the following entry:—

"Feb. 17, 1774. A Petition of Moses Ashley and others a number of the Proprietors and Inhabitants of the plantation of Hartwood in the County of Berkshire and of the Inhabitants of the adjacent Grants—Setting forth, That they labour under many disadvantages by reason of their not being invested with Town privileges. And praying that the said plantation, together with Hills & Jones's Grants and the Westerly part of Prescots Grant so far to the East as Partridgefield South corner, may be Incorporated into a Town.

In the House of Representatives. Resolved that the further consideration of this Petition be referred to the next Session of the General Court and that the Petitioners notify the proprietors or owners of Hills Grant, Jones's Grant and Prescot's Grant within referred to of the contents of the within Petition and this Order by serving them with a Copy thereof

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that they shew cause, if any they have, on the second Wednesday of the next Session of the General Court why the prayer of the within mentioned (so for as it respects their interest therein) should not be granted. In Council, Read and Concurred."—*Council Records, vol.* XXX., *p.* 190.

The consideration of the Ingersoll petition was likewise put off to the same time, with similar notice to the proprietors of Hartwood.

The next Legislature, again took these petitions into consideration, together with the following new petition from the inhabitants of Hartwood:—

"To His Exellency Thomas Hutchenson Esqr Captn General and Commander in Chiaf in and over his Majestys Province of the Massachusets Bay, to the Honble his Majestys Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled May the 25th 1774

The patition of the Inhabitants of the Township of Hartwood So Colled in the County of Berkshire Humbly Sheweth—

That they Labour under Great Incouveniency in their Preasent Scituation Having No Power to Call and Settle a Minister Lay out and Establish Roads & Build Bridges in s^{d} Township and Many Other Deficultys your Petitioners Labour under By Reason of their Not Being Incorperated Wee therefore Most Humbly Pray your Exellency and Hon^{rs} to Incorperate S^{d} Township into a Town, Invested with all the Powers Priviledges and Immunitys that Towns in this Province by Law Injoy, and Whereas the Proprietors of S^{d} Township at Several Meetings from the year 1771 Including to the year 1774 Voted Texes at Diferant times the Amount of which is £5:7:0 Lawfull money on Each Origenal Right in S^{d} Township to Defray the Expence of Preaching and Other Expences in S^{d} Township, But finds they have No Power to Inforce the payment of the Same Wherefore your Said Petitioners Humbly prays your Exellancy and Hon^{rs} to Inable them to Collect S^{d} Texes in Such a Way and Manner as your Exellancy and Hon^{rs} Shall See Meet, and your Humble Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

AMOS BEARD	GIDEON MESSENGER	ANDROW MOMPHORD
ELIPHORY SPENCER	MOSES ASHLEY JUN	GEORGE SLOAN
SIMS LEWIS	AZARIAH ASHLEY	JAMES MKNIGHT
THO^{s} LEWIS	JOHN M^{c} KNIGHT	MOSES ASHLEY
JOHN LEWIS JUN	JEAMES M^{c} KNIGHT J^{R}	GEORGE SLOAN J^{R}
JOSEPH CHAPELL	WILLIAM SLOAN	WILLIAM MILLIKIN
W^{M} CHAPELL	WILLIAM BILL	JOHN PHELPS
BENJ^{H} SLACK	NORMAND SLOAN	DANL^{L} FOOT
WILLIAM SLACK	ZENAS NOBLE	ELIJAH CRANE
BENJAMIN KILBORN	W^{M} SCOTT	GIDEON BUSH."—

Mass. Archives, vol. 118, *p.* 747.

The Council now passed an order that "the petitioners" have leave to bring in a bill, &c. This was June 10, 1774; and, on the same day, the House, upon consideration of the following answer to Ingersoll's petition, nonconcurred with the Council, and referred the same to a joint commit-

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tee, of which Messrs. Jones, Bridges and Denny were appointed members on the part of the House:—

"To His Exelancy Thomas Hutchenson Esqr Cap^{tn} General and Commander in Chief, in and Over his Majestyes province of the Massachusets Bay, to the Honble his Majestyes Counsel and House of Representatives, in the General Court—

Gentlemen, as we have Patitioned to your Honours, at two of your Last Sessions, to be Incorporated into a Town, and be Indowed with Town Previlidges, (but have Been prevented by a petition. Sent in by William Ingersoll and Others; to be set of into a Town or Destrick which Petition was Not Made Known to The Proprietors nor Inhabitants, of the Town, and as the Town is New and the Inhabitants few in number, wee Desire your Exelancy and Honours, would Incorperate Said Town or Plantation, as the Grant of Said plantation was Granted by your Exelancy and Honours as follows, Viz Bigining at Housotonack River on the South Line of Pitsfield, thence running East 19^{grs} South Nine Miles and a half, thence South 19^{ts} west Seven Hundred and Twenty Rods to the North Line of Number four Township; Thence West on Said Line, Four Miles and three Quartors, to the North West Corner of Said township; thence on the West Line of Said township, South 9^{dg} 25^{m} West two Miles, and three Quarters, to the North Line, of the township of Number one; thence on Said Line West 2^{dg} 30^{m} South three Miles, to the North Easterly Line of Great Barington; Thence North 40^{dg} 40^{m} East one Mile, and three Quarters to the North East Cornor of s^{d} Great Barington, thence Bounding on the North Line of Said Great Barington, West 7^{dg} 30^{m} North Six hundred Rods, to the South East Corner of the Glass works Grant; (so Called) thence on the East Side of Said Grant five Hundred and fifty two rods to the North Est Corner of Said Grant and East Side of Housotonack River first Mentioned, thence Bounding Westerly on Said River to the Bounds first Mentioned; and Furthermore we Do Signify our Objection, of that Part of the Town Being Set of or Incorperated, untill we are Incorperated, and Lay out our undevided † Land; and Can agree how far the Deviding Line, Shall Come in Said Town.—

Testd GEORGE SLOAN JUNR Proprietors Clerk."—*Ibid*, *p* 748.

No further progress appears to have been made until the present year, when the bill of this chapter,‡ the first action respecting which appears to have been on the fifth of April, was passed to be enacted on the twelfth.

The incorporation of the town of Lee, the consideration of which began while the foregoing proceedings were pending, seems to have met the wishes of the petitioners who were not satisfied with the provisions of this chapter.

† These lands were not "laid out" until 1785 and 1786, when the 3d and 4th divisions, respectively, of the proprietary were made.

‡ Referring to Chap. 40, 1776-77, 4th Sess., which was the Act incorporating Washington.

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Chap. 11. † The inhabitants of contiguous territory, embracing the south-westerly part of Washington, formerly called Hartwood, the north-easterly part of Great Barrington, or "Hoplands," the Glassworks Grant, and part of Williams's Grant, had, as early as 1774, applied to the Legislature to be incorporated into a town. The incorporation into the town of Washington, of the proprietors of Hartwood (1776-77, chap. 40), upon an application adverse to the petition of the proprietors of the Hoplands, was the only result reached at the beginning of the present political year. The details of the contest between these rival petitioners are shown in the note to the chapter referred to. The first effort, before the Legislature of 1776-77, of the petitioners who were subsequently incorporated under this chapter, appears to have been the presentation of the following petition:—

[See p. 323. The petition was written by Prince West.]

This petition was read June 17, 1776, "and ordered to lie." No further measures appear to have been proposed by the petitioners, or by the Assembly, until early in the sixth session of the same year, when the following petitions and certificate were presented to the House; upon which the resolve hereunder given was passed:—

[See pp. 325, 327. This petition was also written by Prince West.]

"To the Honourable Counsel and House of Representatives for the State of the Massachasetts Bay in Genaral Court assembled at Boston

The Petetion of Simon Calkins agent for the Inhabitants of the south-westerly Part of Hartwood the Northeasterly Part of Great Barrington or what is commonly Called the Hoplands the Glassworks Grant and Part of a Grant Called Williamses Grant in the County of Berkshire Humbly Sheweth—

Where as the Inhabitants of the Several Towns and Grants afore said Consisting of about Seventy families some time Past agreed by a Great Majority to Petetion this Honourable Court that the several Tracts of Land above meutioned Might be Incorporated in to a Town but by some unfore seen accident or other have not as yet been so succesfull as to obtain our Desires the only objection to our Proceedings at Present is from several persons in the Hoplands who will not Consent to Include so much of Hartwood as the Inhabitants of said Hartwood and the Majority of your Petetioners have a greed your Petetioner Therefore Humbly Prays that this Honourable Court will be Pleased to take the Matter in to Consideration and appoint a Committee upon the Cost of your Petetioners to Determin wheather we shall take in so much of said Hartwood as has been a greed upon or not and to Determin any other out Lines of said Proposed Township if any Disputes should arise and to Grant them such relieff as to them shall seeme meet as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray

SIMON CALKINS."—

"This may Sartefi the Honnarable Court of the State of the Massichu-

† This matter is given as a note on Chap. 11, 1777-78, 3rd Sess.,—the Act incorporating Lee.

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sets that we the Inhabitence of the South westorley part of Hartwood and the Glass work Grant with Williams'es Grant that part of Barrington Called the hop Lands in a full meeting on friday february ye 28 the 1777 made Chois of mr Simon Colkin to forword onr pertision Sent in to the Honnarable Court Last Spring

JESSE BRADLY Modirator of Said meeting."

"State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives, April 5 1777

On the Petition of Elisha Freeman & Others Inhabitants of Part of Hartwood, Great Barrington, &c and of Simon Calkins praying that said Inhabitants may be Incorporated into a Town

Resolved that Coll Mosely & Mr Azariah Root with such as the Honble Board may join be a Committee to repair at the Expence of the Petitioners to the Premises to view the same to take said Petitions together with all Papers accompanying the same into consideration hear the Parties and report to the General-court what is proper to be done thereon. And that said Committee if they think an Incorporation necessary report a proper place for a Centre for the Intended Town Sent up for Concurrence

SAMLL FREEMAN Speakr P T

In Council April 10.' 1777 Read & Concurred and Danll Hopkins Esqr is joined— JNO AVERY Dpy Secy."—

The first proceeding of the Assembly of the present year, that has been discovered, in relation to the subject matter of this chapter is the following resolve, passed at the third session:—

"In the House of Representatives Sept 20th 1777

Orderd That Capt. Nathaniel Kingsley be of the Committee appointed the 5th of April last 'on the Petition of Elisha Freeman & others Inhabitants of part of Hartwood, Great Barrington &c: and of Simon Calkins, praying that said Inhabitants may be incorporated into a Town' to repair to the Premises &c. in the room of Mr Root deceasd—

Sent up for concurrence R T PAINE Spkr pr Tem

In Council Sept 20.' 1777 Read & Concurred JNO AVERY Dy Secy

Consented to"—[Signed by fifteen of the Council].—

Mass. Archives, vol. 215, *p* 105.

The report of this committee, and the doings of the Legislature thereupon, are hereunder given:—

The Committee of both Houses appointed to repair to the southwesterly part of Hartwood, the Northeasterly part of Great Barrington, the Glass-works and Williams's Grant, in the County of Berkshire, to view the same; take certain Petitions, and Papers accompanying them under Consideration; hear the Parties, and report to the General Court their Opinion with regard to the Incorporation of the sd Lands, and the proper Place for a Center in the sd Town;—have attended that service, and report, as their Opinion, that the sd Lands be incorporated agreeable to the Plan † here with exhibited: And that a Stake affixed by the sd Comee forty seven

†See p. 329.

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Rods east of the southwest Corner of Peter Wilcocks's Farm, laying on the west [east] Bank of the River, and about three Rods North of the south Line of the sd Farm, be the Center of the same.—All which is humbly s[ubmitted*] DANL HOPKINS, by *Order*.

In Council, Oct. 14th 1777. Read, accepted and thereupon *order'd* that a Bill be bro't in for the Incorporation of the sd Lands accordingly— sent down for Concurrence. JNO AVERY Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives Oct 16. 1777 — Read & concurrd — & Ordd That Mr Niles & Mr Ingalls, with such as the Hon. Board shall join be a Commee to bring in a Bill accordingly. Sent up for Concurrence J WARREN Spkr.

In Council Octr 16: 1777. Read & Concurred and Danl Hopkins Esq. is joined— JNO AVERY Dy Secy ."—*Mass. Files: Bills*, 1777.

On the 17th, the bill of this act was passed, in the Council, to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence. On the 18th, the House concurred, with an amendment, in the third section, striking out after "till," the words "a new valuation shall be made throughout this state by," and inserting, instead thereof, the words, "the further," before "order." In the engrossment, "the" was omitted before "further." On the 21st, the bill was passed to be enacted.

The following proceedings, growing out of conflicting views as to the meaning of the third section of this act, † are all that have been discovered relating to the subject, down to the adoption of the Constitution:—

"To the Honourable the Council and house of representatives of the State of Massechusetts bay in General Court assembled—

The Petition of the subscribers selectmen of the Town of Stoc[k*]bridge humbly sheweth.

That we are informed that at the time ye General Court of this state incorporated a number of inhabitants in ye vicinity of This town into a town by the name of Lee some of which inhabitants used to pay publick taxes jointly with the inhabitants of This town were by sd act of incorporation expressly injoined to pay taxes as usal with this town 'til further order should be given in this matter by the General Court. That in complyance herewith the assessors of the town of Stockbridge have assessed them in the State tax from time to time; but the sd inhabitants of Lee as afforsd tho Reqired to pay their respective taxes have as often refused to comply therewith the last years state tax was assessd as afforsed including sd inhabitants and the tax bill committed to Mr Saml Hatch Constable of this town who pursuant to his warrant from the Treasurer of this state proceeded to collect ye same: and that he has been to & required sd inhabitants of Lee as offorsd to pay their taxes which they refusing to do (under pretence of their being incorporated) he proceeded to distrain according to law but was resisted as is set forth in his Certificate anexed hereto whereupon he brought the matter before the town for their

* Manuscript mutilated. † See p. 10.

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advice & direction. the Town advised him to suspend further attempts 'til the matter be laid before the general Court, and directed the Selectmen to do the same in a petition signed by them

That in consequence of sd refusal & resistance the collectors have not been able to make the remittances required by law and the town, the assessors & collectors are laid under peculiar imbarrassments in this matter. We therefore pray your honours to take this matter into your Consideration: and give such directions for relief & redress as you shall think meet & best— And as in duty bound shall Ever pray

Stockbridge August 25 1779. ASA BEMENT, HEZEKIAH BOUGHT[ON?], ELIAS GILBERT, DAVID PIXLEY } Selectmen of Stockbridge."—

Mass. Archives, vol 226, *p.* 71.

"I Samuel Hatch Constable of the town of Stockbridge do Certify all whome it may concern that I have repeatedly been to those inhabitants of Lee which used to be recconed to this town and are by order of the General Court taxed here and asked them for their rates and they have as often refused to pay them I have proceeded to destrain according to law & took cattle but was prevented bringing them away by the force & power of the owners who resisted me in every attempt of this kind. I then aplyed to this town in town meeting and the town voted to direct the selectmen to lay the matter before the General Court and advised me to suspend the matter of collecting said taxes till the pleasure of the Court should be known & signified about the matter

Stockbridge August 27. 1779 SAMUEL HATCH Const"—*Ibid*, *p.* 72.

"State of the Massachusetts-Bay In the House of Representitives Janu 13. 1780

On the Petition of the Select-Men of the Town of Stockbridge Praying for the Interposicion of this Court Relative to the Dificulties they Labour under in Collecting Taxes of Part of the Inhabitance of the town of Lee, who formerly were Taxed to said Town of Stockbridge

Resolved that the Select-Men of Stockbridge Serve the Town-Clerk of the Town of Lee, with a Coppy of this Petition, with the Order of the Court thereon, at Least Fourteen Days Before the next sitting of the General Court to shew Cause if any they have, on the Secondth Wednesday of the next sitting of the General Court why those have not Pay'd their Taxes, Agreeable to the Act whereby they were incorporated into a Town by the Name of Lee— And that the Constables or Collectors of said Town of Stockbridge Desist Collecting said Taxes till further order of this Court

Sent up for Concurrence JOHN HANCOCK Spk

In Council Janu 13th 1780 Read & Concurred JNO AVERY D Sey."—

Ibid., *p.* 70.

"To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusett's Bay.—

Humbly Sheweth (by their Committe) the Inhabitants of that part of

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Town of Lee, which was formerly Annexed to the Town of Stockbridge, That by an Act of the General Court passed in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven, by which we were Incorporated into a Town, and Injoined to pay a Proportionable part of the State and County Taxes of the Said Town of Stockbridge, to which we had Heretofore been Annexed, untill the further Order of this Court, that in the year following we were in like manner as other Towns in the State, distinctly Called upon by the General Court for a Valuation of our Estates, which was accordingly made Out and Returned, That in June 1778 we were in Like Manner Call,d upon by a Resolve of the General Court for our Proportion of Eighteen Hundred Men to Serve in the Continental Army, untill the first of January then Next Unless Sooner discharged, and to pay Each noncommissioned Officer and Soldier a bounty of fourteen Pounds, which by Said Resolve the Selectmen were Impowered to pay out of the treasury, and to Assess a Tax on the Poles and Estates of the Inhabitants to Replace the Money so taken, which order was Punctually Complied with by your Petitioners, this Requisition together with their having been Called upon for their Valuation as Aforesaid, your Petitioners did then and do Still take to be the further orders of the General Court, Expressed in Said Act of Incorporation, Otherwise we Cannot conceive of Any provision being made in Our Case for Replacing the Money which we were Required to Raise for paying Said Bounties, Without which we Can't but view, the Requisition as Similar to that of being Required to make Brick without Straw; that we Were Likemanner Called Upon for our Proportion of Cloathing for the Army, Which was Also Complied with that notwithstanding the facts now mentioned the Town of Stockbridge have Continued to tax yr Petitioners in the Same manner, as, before we were Incorporated into a Distinct Town, that amongst Other taxes we Were taxed by the Said Town of Stockbridge, for paying their Representative, without Allowing us the priviledge of avoice in the Election, altho Particularly Requested, Your petitioners beg leave further, to Shew that we have been taxed by the Said town of Stockbridge in the Illegal & unjust manner aforesaid (as we Conceive— That a num- of us have been taxed by Said Town for that part of our Real Estates which lies in that which used to be Annexed to Other Towns, and never was Annexed to the Town of Stockbridge, That the State of this County is Such there being no Court of Sessions nor any Civil Authority Exercised in the County We can have no Relief from the Grievances Last Mentioned in the Usual Course of Law, and for that Reason that Some Individuals made personal resistance when the Constable Attempted to Distrain this being the true State of facts we pray your Honours to take Our Case into your wise Consideration, and Grant us Such Relief as you Shall think Just and fit and as in duty bound Shall Ever pray &c.

PRINCE WEST
AMOS PORTER
JAMES PENOYER
} Committe for that part of the Inhabitants of the town of Lee which was merely Annexed to the town of Stockbridge."—*Ibid.*, *vol.* 186, *p.* 163.

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The foregoing petition, or answer, was referred to a committee, which, on the 20th of March, was changed, to consist of Messrs. Turner, Miller and Longley. On the 10th of April, 1780, this committee reported that the petition "lie on the files of the House, for the present," and this report was accepted.

The following from the same vol., p. 1041, shows the number of polls in the Hoplands at the time of the incorporation of this town:—

On the 7th of June, 1779, the petition of Jonathan Nash, in behalf of the town of Great Barrington, praying that a fine laid on that town may be remitted, was read in the House, and committed to Messrs. Reed, Newton and Mattoon, "who were directed to consider the case of all towns who have been fined and appear to have raised their men." The petitioner seems to have had leave to withdraw this petition on the 22d, and the next day he presented the following petition in the House, which was referred to Messrs Cushing, Bayley and Ammidown:—

"June 22d AD 1779

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of Jonathan Nash of Great Barrington in the County Of Berkshire in Said State Humbly Sheweth that By a Resolve of The General Court Passed April 20th 1778 Were Directed to Raise By Draft or otherways Six Men to Reinforce the Contenental Army of Which five of Said Men Were Raised and there Being a Deficiency Of one Man Said Town was fine'd one Hundred Pounds though Since the Number of the Male Inhabitants from Sixteen years old & upward was Return'd into The Secretaries Office Thirty Six Polls was taken off of Sd Town Of Great Barrington & Set to the Town of Lee which your Petitioner Can Abundantly make to Appear and As Sd Men were Apportioned On the Several Towns According to the Seventh Part of Sd male Inhabitants before the Sd thirty Six Polls were Set off to the Town of Lee the five Men Raised by Sd Town your Petitioner is Confident Is a full Proportion of Sd Towns Seventh Part And your Petitioner Prays your Honours to take the case into your wise Consideration And Releive Sd Town of the Sd fine or otherwise order as you in your Wisdom May See Just and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray JONA NASH."—

This commitfee forthwith reported the following resolve:—

"State of Massachusetts Bay In the House of Representatives June 23d 1779

On the Petition of Jonathan Nash of Great Barrington Praying That Sd Town might Be Releavd from a Fine of One Hundred Pounds for Reasons Set forth In Sd Petition

Resolved that the Prayer of Sd Petition be Granted and that the Treasurer of this State be and He is hereby ordered And Directed to Pay out of the Treasury of this State the Said Sum of one Hundred Pounds to the Sd Town of Great Barrington

Sent up for Concurrence JOHN HANCOCK Spkr

In Council June 23.' 1779 Read & Concurred JOHN AVERY D Secy —

Consented to"—[Signed by fifteen of the Council].—

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State Taxes Apportioned to Lee.

By the State of Massachusetts Bay:

——The first State tax apportioned and assessed on the town was under an act of the General Court passed June 28, 1779. £1,800,000 of the tax was the state's quota of $45,000,000 recommended by Congress, May 21, 1779, to be raised by the Colonies on or before Jan. 1, 1780. Part of the tax of Dec. 7, 1779 was the state's quota of $15,000,000 recommended by Congress, Oct. 6, 1779, to be raised monthly by the Colonies. A large part of the taxes of May 5, 1780 and Sept. 30, 1780, was in accordance with a resolve of Congress "for drawing in, by taxation, the bills of credit in circulation, and issuing new bills, on the funds of the several states, bearing interest." These levies were in Continental money and the collectors were directed to accept for the two last mentioned, $40 in that currency as the equivalent of $1 in specie. The tax of June 18, 1780, was a "Gold and Silver Tax" to raise funds to pay the interest on notes which had been issued by the state on which interest in specie had been promised.

For each £1000 tax, Berkshire county was rated to pay £53 18s. 4d., and Lee £1 9s. 7d., under the schedule of valuation adopted April 28, 1778. See "Acts and Resolves of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay." ——

Date of Act.	State Tax. £	s.	d.	Apport'd to Lee. £	s.	d.			
June 28, 1779,	2837613	12	8½	4141	13	4	"Second State, & Continental Tax (No. 2, 1779."		
Dec. 7, 1779,	2793647	2	2	4141	13	4			
							Bounties pd. 9 mo. men deducted.	Balance.	
May 5, 1780,	5601025	6	7	8283	6	8	£480	£7803 6s. 8d.	
June 19, 1780,	72000			106	10				
Sep. 30, 1780,	5601026	13	4	8283	6	8			

By the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

——All the levies were in specie. Those of March 5, 1782 and March 22, 1783 were continental taxes. Representative's pay is included in all as given below, except that of May 18, 1781—"New Emission Tax"—and the two continental taxes. For each £1000 tax, Berkshire county was rated to pay £53 3s. 3d., and Lee £1 6s. 9d., under the schedule of valuation adopted March 6, 1782; by the schedule adopted March 23, 1793, the county was rated at £52 3s. 3¾d., and the town at £2 0s. 6¾d. In a list of abatements for overrating, dated Nov. 2, 1781, Lee was abated £51 6s. 6d. See "Laws and Resolves of Massachusetts."——

Date of Act.	State Tax. £	s.	d.	Apport'd to Lee. £	s.	d.	Bounties, 6 mo. men deducted. £	s.	d.	Fines, 3 mo. men added. £		
May 18, 1781,	374795	8	2	536	6	2	259	18	10	32		
							Pay for 3 horses deducted. £	s.	d.	Total. £	s.	d.
							41	3	9	267	3	7
							Rep. pay. £	s.				
Oct. 31, 1781,	303634	0	6	401	5	1	15	0		416	5	0
Mar. 5, 1782,	200000			267	10					267	10	
Mar. 22, 1783,	200000			267	10					267	10	
July 9, 1784,	151035	16	6	187	5		26	5		213	10	†
Mar. 23, 1786,	311440	19	3	580	12	6	51	9		632	1	6§
Mar. 28, 1788,	78262	5		125	16	1	57	1		182	17	1
Feb. 14, 1789,	37445	17	1	61	8	6	9	18		71	6	6
Mar. 3, 1790,	29515	15	5	47	15	6	12	18		60	13	6
Mar. 5, 1791,	29476	16	7	47	15	6	5	14		53	9	6
June 21, 1793,	33276	13		40	11	3	32	1½		72	12	9
June 21, 1794,	45068	1		81	2	6	Not rep'd			81	2	6
June 22, 1795,	$149759.73			$270.42			$105			$375.42		
June 13, 1796,	154294.36			270.42			Not rep'd			270.42		
Feb. 22, 1797,	143749.53			270.42			58			328.42		
Feb. 24, 1798,	151941.53			270.42			44			314.42		
Feb. 28, 1799,	154873.13			270.42			50			320.42		
Feb. 24, 1800,	153989.13			270.42			58			328.42		

† "Tax No. 4, Army Notes, 1784, 1785." §"Tax No. 5." The taxes were numbered to that of June 14, 1796, which was "Tax No. 13."

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Specific Taxes — Army Supplies.

— Beef —

Date of Resolve.	State.	Lee.	
Dec. 4, 1780,	4626178 lbs.	6818 lbs.	In lieu of beef 15000 bush. grain allowed in Berkshire and Hampshire counties.
June 22, 1781,	1900497 "	2812 "	

— Clothing —

June 22, 1781. 8000 shirts, prs. shoes and stockings, and 4000 blankets were called for from the State; of which Lee was to furnish 12 shirts, prs. shoes and stockings, and 6 blankets.

County Taxes Apportioned to Lee.

——From the outbreak of the Revolutionary war to Sep. 1782, no taxes for county expenses were levied in Berkshire county. By a resolve of the General Court, June 3, 1782, the Court of Sessions was empowered to assess £345;—of this sum £400 was apportioned Sep. 1782, and £245 Sep. 1783.

	County Tax.	Apport'd to Lee.				County Tax.	Apport'd to Lee.		
Sep. 1782,	£400	£10	9s.	7d.	April 1792,	£600	£20	0s.	8d.
Sep. 1783,	245	6	7	10	Sep. 1793,	800	31	3	7
Feb. 1786,	800	27	0	6	Sep. 1794,	600	23	15	9
May 1787,	1500	50	14	0	April 1796,	$4000	$141.50		
Feb. 1789,	1300	43	5	3	April 1798,	5000	194.43		
Sep. 1790,	800	26	18	11	April 1800,	1730	67.18		

Except in relation to the taxes, there are few references to this town in the "Laws and Resolves of Massachusetts," from the adoption of the Constitution to the close of the year 1800.

The two principal are here given. The first is in the act of June 18, 1788, by which Berkshire county was divided into three registry districts. The middle district was composed of "Lenox, Pittsfield, Richmond, Stockbridge, Lee, Tyringham, Becket, Washington and Partridgefield, and such gores or tracts of land unincorporated as may lie between any of the said Towns."

In the "Laws and Resolves" for 1795, under the heading "Expences of maintaining the Poor of the Commonwealth," is the item: "To the Town of Lee for supporting Alexr. Richa Including Doctrs. bills—up to Octr. 15th 1795, $13.55."

Survey of the Line between Lee and Great Barrington.

The following was not found until after page 122 was printed. There is no way to determine in what year it was entered on the Records, but it could not have been before 1816 as the recorder was not Town Clerk until that year.

Gt Barrington & Lee } Be it remembered; that on the fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety nine— We the Subscribers a major part of the Selectmen of the towns of Great-Barrington & Lee respectively, did perambulate the line of division between the sd Towns and did make & renew the Monuments therein as follows (viz) Beginning at a heap of Stones near a rock being the South east corner of Stockbridge & South West corner of Lee, thence South eighty five degrees East to a Stake & Stones, by the road, thence across the Stream to a Hemlock tree marked, thence to a Black Birch tree marked, thence to a Beach Staddle marked, thence to a Stone set in the ground by the road near Samuel Davis' house, thence to a Beach tree marked, thence to a heap of Stones near a dry Chesnut tree, thence to a Chesnut tree marked, thence to a Beach Staddle marked, thence to a Hemlock Staddle marked, standing about ten rods East of the Brook, thence to a Black Oak marked, thence to a large Hemlock tree marked, thence, to a Black Oak tree marked, thence to a Hard Maple tree marked, thence to a Hemlock tree marked thence to a hard maple tree marked thence to an Ash tree marked, thence

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to a Beach tree marked thence to a Maple tree marked, thence to a Hemlock tree marked, near the North West corner of John Websters cleared field, thence to a Black Birch tree marked, by the road near John Webster's house, thence to a Maple Tree marked, thence to a hemlock tree marked, thence to an old dry Birch Stump, with a Stake & Stones in it at the Northeast corner of Great Barrington. Given under our hands at Great barrington the day and year aforesaid.

Samuel Whiting } Selectmen of
Lucius King } G. Barrington
Josiah Yale } Selectmen of
John Nye } Lee

True Copy Attest Ransom Hinman Town Clerk

Marriages of Residents of Lee recorded in other Towns.

In a volume in the custody of the Town Clerk of Monterey containing a transcript of the records of Marriages by Rev. Adonijah Bidwell and Rev. Joseph Avery, the first two pastors of the church in Tyringham, are the following:—

Solemnized by Rev. A. Bidwell.

1778 June 4th Capt Abijah Merrill & Hannah Chadwick

1779 June 30th John Sterns & Luce Merrill

1782 Jany 10 Freeman Mosier & Hepzibah Orton

1782 Oct 17th Jonathan Graves & Anna Taylor

Solemnized by Rev. Joseph Avery,

1790 May 26th Reuben Davis of Lee & Polly Abbott of Tyringham

1790 Nov 11th Timothy Aldin of Tyringham & Lowis Wilcocks of Lee

1791 Jany 27th Stephen Markham of Tyringham & Dolly Jackslin of Lee

1791 July 7th Reuben Marsh of Lee & Lydia Rathbun, of Tyringham.

1791 October 12th Artemas Rogers of Lee, & Phebe Cross, do [Lee]

1792 June 21st Jonathan Foot of Lee, & Temperance Holly, of G Barrington

—From the Lenox Records:—
By William Walker, J. P.,

Ephraim Hollister of Lee to Laurana Canfield of Lenox, 15th Decr 1785—
T. B. (Orig.) p. 337,

John Briggs to Martha Gibbs both of Lee on the 1st of Jany 1789. ——
Do. p. 337.

By Eldad Lewis, J. P.,

David Hayward of Lee & Mercy Howland of Lenox, Feby 10th 1795.
Do. p. 339.

Also the following "Intentions":

1790, May 31, Intentions of Marriage Legally published and certified between Jonathan Keith of Lenox & Polly Backous of Lee
Do. p. 361.

—From the Stockbridge Records:—

David Ingersoll and Sarah Parsons were married Dec 13th 1781 by Rev. Stephen West.

—From 1st Book of Records, Cong. church, Pittsfield: ——
By Rev. Thomas Allen,

1795, Dec. 24. Mr Silas Stephens of Lee & Miss Irene Tracy of Pittsd were married——

—Under "Marriages" in a published vol. of vital records of Sharon, Ct., by Lawrence Van Alstine:——

Elisha Collins of Lee and Lovina Gates of Sharon, Mar. 20, 1785. m. by Ebenezer Knibloe, 1st Pastor of S. Amenia [N. Y.] Church.

Abraham Perry of Lee and Temperance Hatch of Sharon, m. Feb. 24, 1788.

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First Publishment on page 133.

The following from Holland's History of Western Mass. vol. 2, p. 516, completes the mutilated record on p. 133 of this vol.:——

"The first 'publishment' of intentions of marriage, recorded on the town books, perpetuates the names of Noah Burdin of Lee and Avis Their of Chesterfield."

Births omitted from the Records pp. 144-174.

Children of David Ingersoll & Sarah his Wife (See p. 162.)

William & Alvan — born Dec 22d. 1801 (Twins)
Elihu Parons —— " Sepr. 20. 1804.

Children of Wm Perry and Content his wife

Fear born	Feb. 20 - 1777 —	Ruth	Novr 14th 1783 —
Hannah —	21 - 1778	Sarah	July 28 — 1784
Phebe	March 22 1780	John	August 1 — 1788 —
Lucy	July 28 1781		

Children of Joel Putnam & Elizabeth

Sarah Maria Johnson (Becket)	Jany 30. 1803 —	Sally Putman (Becket)	March 10. 1800
Lorinna " "	March 23 1803	Abner do — do	June 18 1802
Caroline " "	Feb 14. 1810	Joel do do	Nov 10. 1804
James Allen Lee	Sep 14 1817	Ransom Nathan do	June 18 1805
Orson R "	Apr 14. 1819	Sardis Barns do	Jany 22. 1808
Julia Tryphena "	July 27 1823	Lucy Anne do	[?] oct 14. 1813

The explanation of the above peculiar record is: Joel Putnam, a widower with five (or six) children, married Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, with three children, and three children were born to them. The births, except two, are recorded as below in Becket, but there is no record there of the death of James Johnson, or of marriage between any of the parties.

Sally Putnam dau. Joel & Sally born Mar. 10, 1799
Abner " son " " " June 18, 1801
Joel " " " " " Dec. 10, 1803
Ransom " " " " " June 15, 1805
Sardis " " " " " Jan. 22, 1807
Sally wife of Joel Putnam died June 10, 1813.
James Allin Putnam son of Joel & Elizabeth born Sept. 14, 1815
Orson Resallion " " " " " Oct. 14, 1819

Sally Maria Johnson dau. James & Elizabeth born Jan. 30, 1804
Lorana Eliza " " " " " Mar. 23, 1807
Caroline Content " " " " " Feb. 14, 1810

Besides the Records of the Congregational church printed in this vol., there is in the archives of the church a book of accounts entitled:

RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS
OF THE
PROPRIETORS
FOR BUILDING A MEETING HOUSE IN LEE ——
BEGAN MAY 10th
1799.

In it is a debit and credit account with those who contributed to the erection of the church finished in 1801. Many of the accounts, however, were not finally settled until several years later. The book relates entirely to the accounts, except the following in the writing of Nathan Dillingham, the proprietors' clerk:—

January 24th 1800 ——

At a Meeting of a number of the inhabitants of the Town of Lee to make arrangements for the observance of the Day appointed by Congress

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for Mourning on account of the Death of General George Washington; Chose Josiah Yale Esqr Moderator — N. Dillingham Clerk. — Appointed Doctor Thayer N. Dillingham Lt Jenkins a Committee to attend to the above Business. —

Voted that the above Committee confer with Mr Hyde and request him to address the people on the above occasion, likewise to apply to Mr Robbins to prepare an Oration to be delivered on the same Day — and to make such other arrangements as the Committee shall think most expedient. —

Signatures to petition, page 319.

Wm Ingersoll	Elisha Freeman	Aaron Ingersoll
Isaac Davis	Levi Nye	Elisha Grant
Isaac Davis Jur	Abner West	Jonathan foot
Peletiah West	David Kellogg	Jonathan foot Junr
Amos Stantton	Ozias Strong	Simon Calkin
Eldad Kebbe	Seth Backos	Joseph Handay
Jonathan West	Joshua Backous	John Winegar
Peter Willcoks	Benjamin Backous	Theophilus Mansfield
Samuel Wright	Thomas Ewer	George Bennet
Elisha West	hope Davis	Nathan Bennet
Elijah West	Ebenezer Swift	Ephraim Hollister
Daniel West	Asahell Dodge	Matthew Vandusen
Daniel Church	Elijah Dodge	Jaremiah Wormer
Oliver West	Samll Hatch	Moses Ingersoll
Eleazer West	John Nye	Malatiah hatch

Signatures to petition, page 323.

George Bennet	Ozias Stronge	Moses Ingersoll
Nathan Bennet	Elisha Graut	Pelatiah West
Isaac Davis	Eleazer West	Elisha West
Theos Mansfield	Peter Willcoks	Daniel Church
John Davis	Daniell West	Nathan Ball
Isaac Davis Jur	Richer Houck	Justis Yale
William Benjamin	Matthew Vandusen	Josiah Yale
Reuben Pixley	Aaron Wormer	Ephraim Hollister
reuben Cary	Wm Ingersoll	Elisha Martindale
Amos Stanton	Aaron Ingersoll	Richard Larrabe
Theophilus Mansfield Jr	Wm Carpentor	Amos Porter
		Elijah West

Signatures to petition, pages 325,.327.

Jesse Bradley	Joseph Nickles Jur	John Nye
Noah Crocker	Levi Nye	Elisha Freeman
Hope Davis	Prince West	Seth Backous
David Dimmick	Wait Hatch	David Kellogg
John Winegar	Cornelius Gifford	Samll Stanly
Oliver West	Thomas Gifford	Jeremiah Wormer
Phinehas Fish.	Jesse Gifford	Asahel Dodge
Simon Calkin	Timothy Goodspeed	John Davis
Ebnr Swift	John Baker	Thomas Becher
Nathaniel Backus	thomas Ewer	Jonathan West
Seth Barlow	Jonathan Foot Jur	Aaron Smith
Lemuel Crocker	Nathaniel Tobe	Abijah Tambling
Jonathan Foot	Ichabod Backus	Seth Gibbs
Job hamlin	thomas Adkins	Silas Perry
William perry	Benjamin Backus	James Penoyer
	Zenas Goodrich	Hans Winegar

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To his Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esq.
Captain General & Governor & Commander
in Chief the honorable his Majesty's Council
and the honorable the House of Representa-
tives of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay
in New England —

We the Subscribers humbly shew that we living on & owning
Lands in that part of Great Barrington in the County of Berk-
shire, called the Slopland — and a Grant, called the Glass works
grant, joining to said Slopland, Lying down, and also part
of Hartwood in said County — Also part of a Grant made to
Col. Ephraim Williams deceased, which same land is not
nearly town — all which several Tracts of Land are com-
prised in the annexed plan — And your Petitioners
beg leave to observe, that the situation of the Lands is such,
that the Inhabitants thereof, could not be well accomoda-
ted, by being made into a seperate town or District &
that whilst the Inhabitants of said Lands are in their pre-
sent situation they cannot enjoy those privileges which
people ought to enjoy in those towns where they are o-
bliged to do duty — And your Petitioners beg leave further
to observe, that those of us who belong to said Great Barring-
ton Live from Eight Miles & an half, to fourteen Miles
Distant from the Meeting House in said Great Barrington
& about a Mile & an half further from the Church
in the same town — That those of us who Live in said
Hartwood are seperated from said Town of Hartwood
by a Mountain, over which a road for Carriages can
never be made to said Hartwood — And those of us, who
Live on the said Glass works grant, & on the said Grant
made to Colo. Ephraim Williams cannot be better
situated, by joining with any other Towns —

Your Petitioners therefore pray, that the above
Lands, described in the annexed plan, with the Inha-
bitants, may be made into a Seperate Town, or
District — and as in Duty bound, shall ever pray.

Wm Ingersoll
Isaac Jones
Isaac Davis Jr.
Elisha West

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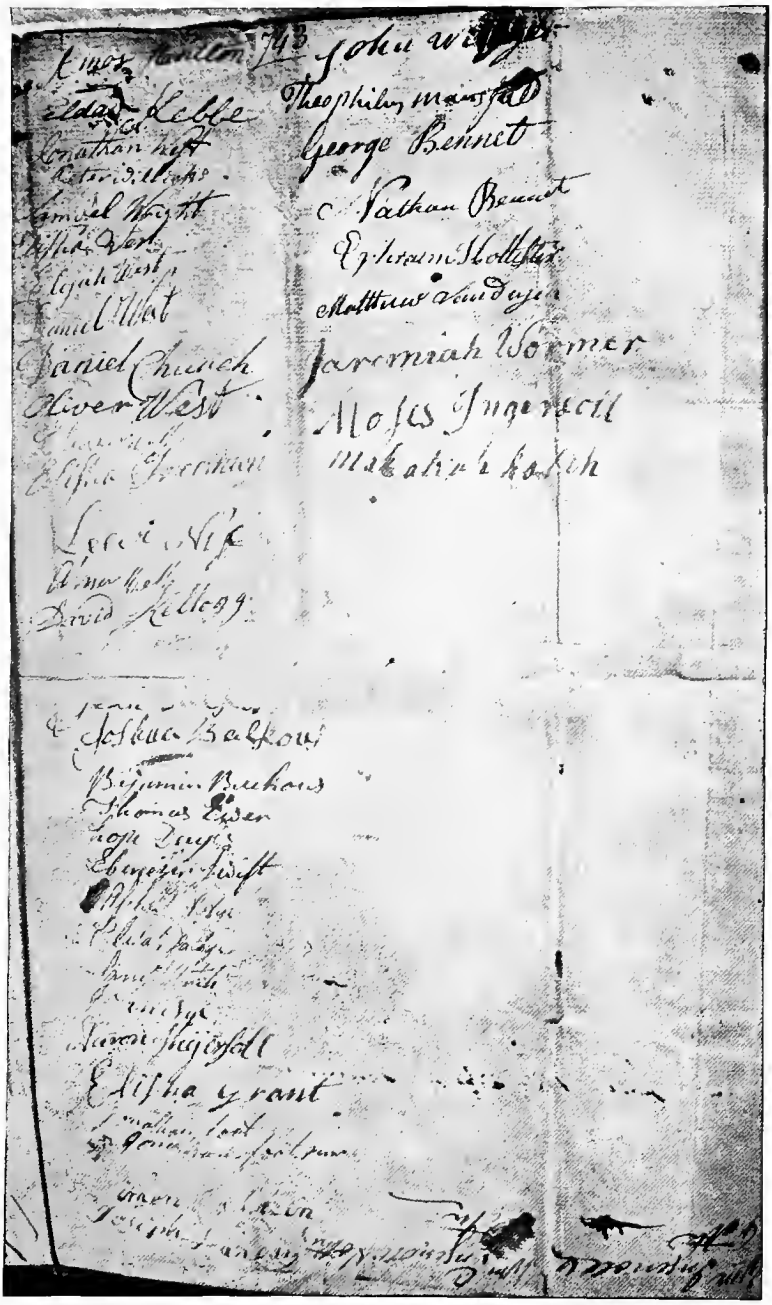

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To the Honble Council and Honble House of Representatives of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, now convened at Watertown in Great and Genl Court or Assembly —

The Petition of us the subscribers, living on lands commonly called Great Barrington Hop lands, the Glassworks Grant and Williams's Grant — humbly sheweth —

That they are informed, that a number of persons living on the South West part of the Plantation of Hatfield and lands adjoining, have petitioned your Honours That the ~~first mentioned lands~~ inhabitants living on the first mentioned lands may be incorporated with them, and allowed the privileges of a Town &c — Therefore your petitioners humbly pray, that previous to such an act of incorporation, they may be heard, on a future day assigned, by their agent or otherwise — Thus your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray —

County of Berkshire May 30th 1776 —

George Bennett
Nathan Bennett
Isaac Davis
Thos Mumford
John Davis
Noah Davis Jr
William Benjamin
Reuben Dodge
Reuben Carr
Amos Stanton
Theophilus Mumford

Ebenezer West
Peter Dickens
Daniel West
Archer Hewitt
Matthew Vanderpool
Aaron Skinner
Wm Ingersoll
Aaron Ingersoll
Wm Carpenter
Moses Ingersoll

Eliakim West
Elisha Ely
Daniel Clark
Nathan Hall
Josiah Yale
Josiah Yale
Ephraim H. Foster
Elisha Martindale
Richard Morehouse
Amos Porter
Eliakim Wright

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To the Honble Council and House of Representatives for the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the South-Western part of Hartwood, the North Easterly part of Great Barrington or that is commonly called the Hoplands, the Glasworks Grant, and part of a Grant Called Williams Grant in the County of Berkshire Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioners having heretofore applied to the Great and general Court of this Colony to be set off from the several Towns to which we now belong, and to be incorporated into a Town ~~[illegible] by ourselves~~, but by Reason of the Present Contention between Great Britain and the Colonies, we have hitherto been prevented obtaining our End— Therefore your Petitioners beg leave to renew their Request. And as the proceeding of the General Court together with our papers relative to our case, are fallen into the hands of our Enemies, we must once more give our Reasons for this our Request, which are as follows—

Those of us who live on the Southwesterly part of Hartwood are obliged to travel Ten or Twelve Miles and that through the worst of Roads to get to the meeting House or to the Main body of the People. And those of us who live on the Northeasterly part of Great Barrington are obliged to travel the same Distance to get to our Town and Great Part

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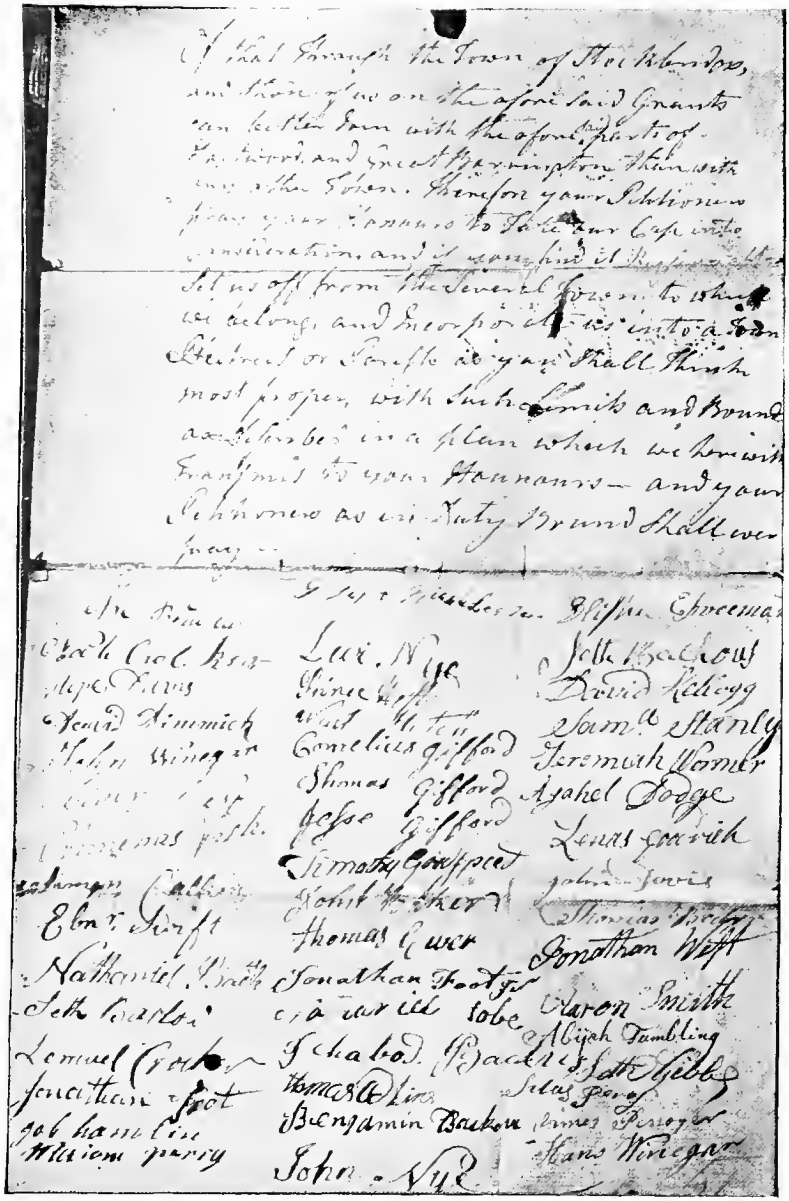

[illegible] that through the Town of Pittsfield, and those of us on the afore said Grants can better Join with the afore said part of Sandisfield and Great Barrington than with any other Town. Therefore your Petitioners pray your Honours to take our Case into consideration and if upon find it Reasonable set us off from the Several Towns to which we belong, and incorporate us into a Town District or Township as your Honours shall think most proper, with such Limits and Bounds as shall be in a plan which we have with transmit to your Honours — and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray.

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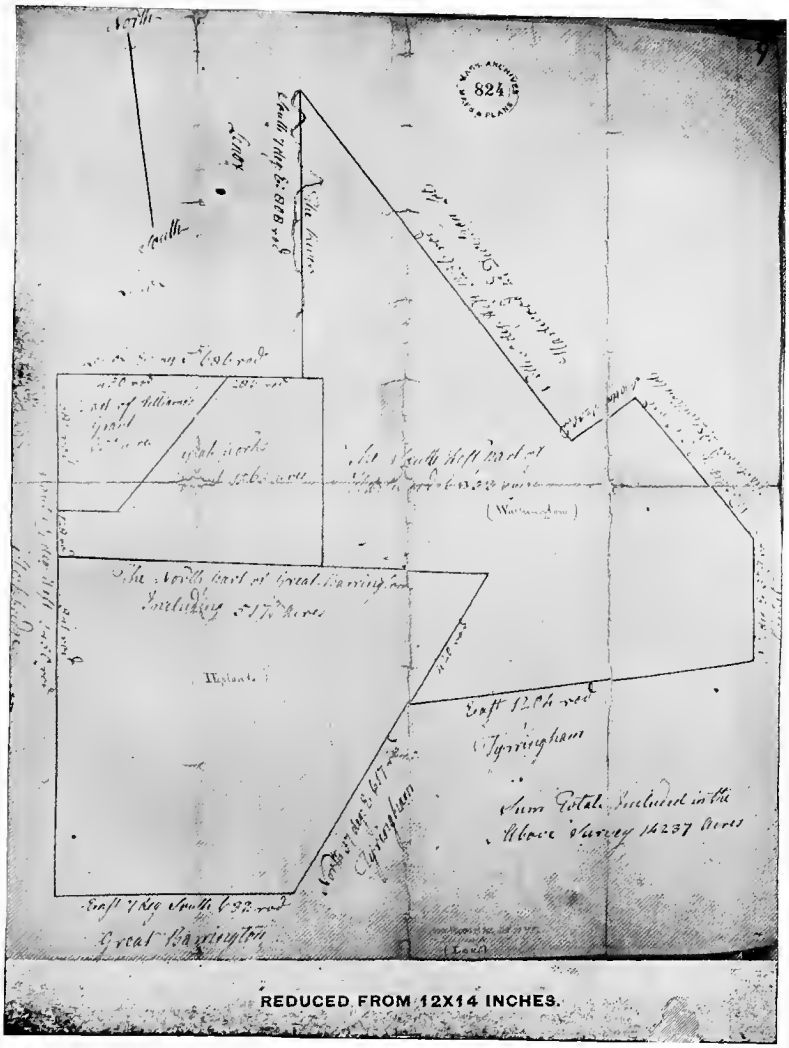

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ERRATA.

P. 24, 4th and 27th lines from bottom–"beginning" is "begining" in the MS. "Negative" in the 15th line from bottom, is "Negtive" in the MS.

P. 25, 5th line, minutes of Apr. 16–"go 4" must be a clerical error of the recorder, Thos. Beecher, or of John Powers, copyist of this part of the records. The word "deacond" in the last line of the same minutes is "decond" in the MS.

P. 27, 1st line in last estray notice--for "2 years", read "two years".

P. 28, 15th line—for "agree ment", read "agreement".

P. 34, 5th line from bottom of text–"Running" is "Runing" in the MS.

P. 38, 10th and 9th lines from bottom–"Viewers" and "Abithar" are "Vewers" and "Abiathar", respectively, in the MS.

P. 41, 14th line–"Stephen" is "Steven" in the MS; in 9th line from bottom, for "favor" read "favour"; in last line for "C lock" read "Clock."

P. 43, 16th, 14th, and 4th lines from bottom–"Standleys", "Thompson", "Lincoln" are "Stanleys", "Thomson", "Linclon" in the MS.

P. 44, 13th line from bottom–"Hamblin" is "Hamlin" in the MS.

P. 45, 6th line—for "endeavors", read "endeavours".

P. 47, last line–"Hamblin" is "Hamlin" in the MS.

P. 50, 12th line—for "favor", read "favour"; for "Calkin's", in 20th line read "Calkins's".

P. 52, 12th line from bottom–"Hamblin" is "Hamlin" in the MS.

P. 54, 5th line–"Thompson" is "Thomson" in the MS.

P. 57, 3d line from bottom–"Thompson" is "Thomson" in the MS.

P. 61, in Surveyors of Highways–"Hamblin" is "Hamlin" in the MS.

P. 62, 15th line from bottom in 1st column–"Joseph Whiting" is an error of record,—should be Joseph Whiton.

P. 71, 5th and 6th lines from bottom–"follows" and "Meeting" are "folows" and "meeting", respectively, in the MS.

P. 99, 3d line from bottom–"Thatcher" is "Thacher" in the MS.

P. 133, 2d publishment–"Ichabod" is "Ichobud" in the MS.

P. 159. Record regarding Rebecca Hatch is probably incorrect:–"Rebecca wife of Mr Oliver Hatch died May 1st 1788" See p. 299.

P. 242, first witness should be "Enoch Gearfield"

P. 248. Mrs Jesse Bradley's name is incorrectly recorded.—should be Mamry (see p. 297). For "Ruhannah Ball", read "Ruhamah Ball".

P. 252, 16th line—from bottom "meetings", is "meettings". in the MS.

P. 255, 10th, 14, 18 lines from bottom—"Motioned" is "Motiond" in MS.

P. 356, 11th and 14th lines—"Jesse" is "Jese" in the MS.

P. 261, 4th line–"letters missive from the Church in that place", etc., should be,— "letters missive from the church of Christ in that place", etc.

P. 314, 4th line—for "£1,800,000 of the tax was", etc., read "£1,800,000 of the tax of that date, was", etc.

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ADDENDA.

Doubtless after *Hoplands* (last line, p. 24), the word *so* was omitted; the intent of the writer having been *Hopland's, so called, school land.*

The "a ward" mentioned in line 7, p. 25, has recently been found. It lacks a few letters and words as indicated below. It is on a fragment of a page of foolscap, originally part of a sheet containing the copy of the charter mentioned on p. 180. A few words of the copy are on the fragment containing the award or opinion This copy was doubtless furnished the committee who made the award, to aid them in their judgment. The fragment in question seems sometime to have been placed in the original book of Hartwood records, and when the book was rebound recently, was fastened in as one of its leaves, though foreign to those records. This book, formerly in the custody of the town clerk of Lee, is now in the office of the Registry of Deeds, Pittsfield. The document is as follows, the cancelled word "Land" being retained:—

We the subscribers being Nominated and appointed by t** **
bitants of the Town of Lee to award adjudge & Determ ***
Concerning the Title of a Certain Right of Land c****
the School Land ~~Land~~ Lying in that part of Said ****
of Lee formerly called Great Barrington Hoplan **
award adjudge and Determine that Said Right of Land
is the Right and Doth belong to the Inhabitants
on the aforesaid Hoplands for the support of a Sch*** **
Schools in said Hoplands, and not to the res* **
the Town of Lee —

Sam Brown Jun
Nathll Kingsley
Jah. Woodbridge

In second line, p. 44, probably the words *the poor of* were omited from the MS. after *of*.

In a copy of the 1st vol. of town records, made by Franklin G. Taylor in 1858, is the birth record of Benjamin Hinckley's children with the three dates which are wanting in the original 1st. vol. These dates are not in the writing of the copyist, but in that of a town clerk later than 1858.
The record of the copy is:—

Children of Benjamin Hinckley & Puella Goodspeed his wife
Electa Hinkley Born Jan 10. 1787 ["Hinkley," in record.]
Thomas Goodspeed Born Feb 5, 1789.
Warren Hinckley Born April 24, 1795.
Charles Hinckley Oct. 22, 1800.
Luther Thatcher Hinckley May 2d, 1809. See p. 159.

Since the note on p. 255 was printed, the writing mentioned therein as *supposed* to be Deacon Oliver West's, has been positively identified as his.

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